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## High school's future uncertain

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — The school district has a new dilemma to solve with Albany High School; whether to go ahead with a planned seismic retrofit and modernization of the school or entirely rebuild two main buildings.

According to Superintendent Dale Hudson, it appears that the state safety standards may require the district to bring the school's main classroom building and gymnasium up to current earthquake safety codes, rather than the 1974 standards it was designing for.

Such a decision will place more stringent requirements on the school's structural reinforcement that will cost the district significantly more than projected and could surpass 75 percent of the school's replacement cost, triggering a state requirement that the buildings be torn down and rebuilt.

That turn of events would also disqualify the district for the state retrofit funds it would require above the estimated \$9.7 million bond money earmarked for the project to bring the buildings to current code standards.

"The state has taken a different look at the code. Last June they were guiding us to a 1974 code, but then said 'we are rethinking the code and we may want you to retrofit to a 1991 code,'" Hudson said.

"We believe now the retrofit the state will likely require will probably exceed a 75 percent replacement cost," Hudson said, adding that the school's proximity to the Hayward fault line is also a factor.

"There is some possibility that instead of retrofitting we will tear it down and start all over. It would place us in a high need basis (with the state), but this is a little bit premature," he said.

Nat Chauhan, of the state Office of Regulatory Services, which has oversight over the high school project, said that while the district has not yet come in with an official application for the project talks have been ongoing.

In essence, Chauhan said the district must comply with Title 24 of the California Code, which specifies that public building be brought

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Santa's Village is located in the old Miller's Outpost store.

## Christmas magic at El Cerrito Plaza

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Santa Claus has returned to El Cerrito Plaza and, thanks to the volunteer efforts of Plaza staff members, has a wonderful holiday setting in which to greet hopeful children anxious to share their holiday wish lists.

Santa arrives at the old Miller's Outpost building this weekend, but those who'd like to visit the whimsical display can do so at other times during the week. A holiday train, on loan from Kit & Caboodle, circles the Christmas tree; a mini-forest and snow create a winter setting for a whole village of miniature buildings; lights

and wrapped packages make everything festive.

It was security director David Urrutia and maintenance head Sean Cuddihy who "decided to do something" to spruce up the plaza for the holidays.

"We saw the need to cheer up all the merchants," said Urrutia, who has been at the plaza for 15 years. "They were going through tough times; some had decided to leave. The whole place had a gloomy, sad ambience. We decided we had to create something special."

There was no budget for the project. Urrutia got all kinds of Christmas things out of storage, bought some railing, and brought down the miniature houses from

the ceiling level, where they'd been left by Miller's Outpost. Security and other plaza staff put the houses back together (they fell apart as they were moved), painted mountain scenery, created a little "forest" and colored winter strollers for the snow scenes.

"This was all about teamwork," said Urrutia. "We worked day and night on this."

He was also able to easily explain why staff members would invest so much of their own time after a hard day's work.

"We did all this out of love for our merchants," he said.

## Cardroom hearing continued

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The 2 1/2-year-old battle over a cardroom at Golden Gate Fields could end up going out with a whimper instead of a bang. The newly-aligned City Council tabled a proposed amendment to extend the development agreement authorized my Measure F.

With three out of five members — including newly elected Jon Ely and Peggy Thomsen, as well as Mayor Bob Good — expressing opposition to the move, the council extended its Monday night public hearing on the subject to its Jan. 6 meeting by a unanimous vote.

If the council does not amend the agreement by Feb. 1, the agreement will expire of its own terms and the cardroom project, legally speaking, will cease to exist.

The need for the extension comes as a result of a "drop dead date" of Feb. 1, 1997. It was written into the agreement in 1994 and states that if no application is filed the document is no longer binding. The application has been delayed by the nearly two-year-old CRG lawsuit, which is currently on appeal.

Rhetoric ran high as more than 50 people, including attorneys for Ladbroke Racing Corp. and the Citizens for Responsible Government, attended Monday night's meeting. Some audience members heckled one another during the public comment period and an attorney for Ladbroke claimed Ely might have a conflict of interest. While some called the proposed cardroom a "golden goose" which "builds its nest out of cards" — others were not so hot on the idea, and urged the council not to extend the deadline.

Attorneys not included, those speaking against the extension outnumbered those in favor by just under a 2-1 margin.

The meeting began with Ely, a former CRG member who defeated cardroom supporter Michael Feiner by a narrow margin in the Nov. 6 election, declaring that he would indeed vote on the matter, despite possible

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## Albany police looking for suspected child molester

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — A knife-wielding man attacked a 12-year-old girl "with intent of sexual gratification" earlier this month, then fled after a neighbor heard her call out for help.

The attack occurred on Dec. 5, at approximately 5 p.m., at an apartment complex on Evelyn Avenue near the El Cerrito border. Accord-

ing to police, the man followed the girl home from El Cerrito Plaza, cornered her outside the door of her apartment, then threatened her with a "knife type" instrument before fondling her and fleeing on foot.

Although the incident appears so far to be an isolated one, police warned that such attacks can repeat themselves. "I tend to believe that a

predator who would prey on young females would be a repeat thing," said Sgt. Bill Palmini, who asked for the public's help in identifying the man.

According to Palmini, the man, who is described as between 16 and 20 years old, "Hispanic or similar nationality," 5-feet, 6-inches tall, 115 pounds apparently followed the

girl into the hallway of her apartment complex, then cornered her outside the door to her apartment. The man displayed a knife-type weapon and threatened to cut the girl if she screamed. He proceeded to fondle her, then fled on foot when a neighbor opened their door after



See SUSPECT, page 10 Suspect sketch

## Four women arrested in El Cerrito prostitution case

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Detectives from the El Cerrito Police Department served a search warrant last week on an Everett Street home as part of an investigation into reports of prostitution activity occurring there.

Four women were arrested at the residence Dec. 11 for various offenses, including

disorderly conduct, pimping and pandering. Those arrested have been identified as Maria de Lourdes Valencia, 26, of El Sobrante, Dolores Broussard, 26, of Oakland, Layla Ferguson, 20, also of Oakland, and Victoria Herrera, 33, of San Diego.

According to Detective Dennis Danielson, Valencia rented the El Cerrito house, which is located several blocks from the El Cerrito

Plaza BART station. He said evidence seized in the operation included a computer and cash. Besides the four women, two men were also apprehended (but not arrested) and are being treated as witnesses.

Police Chief Linda Fellers said this week that prostitution is very uncommon in El Cerrito and that this operation was "not obvious" to most neighboring residents.

"It was very discreet," she said.

Danielson did say that one of the residents with whom he spoke personally had "seen guys going in and out of the house," as well as two phone lines which he thought indicated some illegal activity.

Danielson said undercover work was used

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## Noah's looking to expand on Solano Ave.

By Marc Breindel

BERKELEY — "Protect your bagels, put lox on them" goes Noah's Bagels famous slogan, but what can Noah's do to counter cries of illegal expansion on Solano Avenue?

Noah's will face a public hearing in 60 days to determine whether that has become a local institution to grow on Solano Avenue, in apparent violation of zoning code.

The Berkeley City Council ordered the hearing Tuesday night, responding to an appeal from Noah's to overrule a Zoning Adoptions Board decision that denied the restaurant permission to expand.

At stake is the future of Noah's in North Berkeley. Founder Noah Alper has threatened to take his store to Albany if it cannot grow where it is, on upper Solano.

"This store is seven years old," Alper said. "It needs a lot of work, and (the investment) doesn't make sense if we won't be able to compete when it's done."

Alper said expansion is vital if

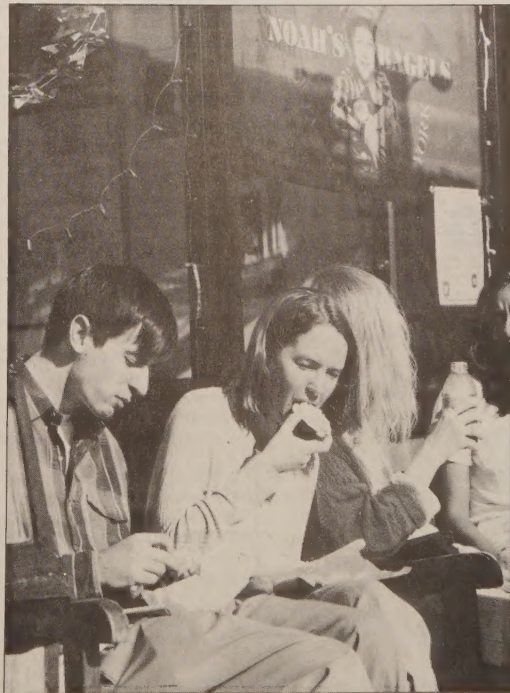
Noah's is to keep up with new competitors in the bagel business. When Noah's first opened on College Avenue in 1990, Alper said, small takeout stores were the norm, but today restaurants — like those the Sonoma Valley Bagel Co. operates — dominate.

Thus, Noah's applied in August for permission to expand into a neighboring store and begin operating as a sit-down restaurant. Noah's also requested a variance to waive a requirement that it provide at least seven new parking spaces.

The total plan includes seating for 30 patrons on 2,200 square feet of indoor space, two new public restrooms, a new freezer, and various minor amenities. Noah's would take over the second half of the building it already occupies, displacing Eye to Eye opticians.

Noah's use permit application maintains that the new restaurant would offer a style of "quick and affordable" food that is hard to find on Solano Avenue, and thus does

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Karen Farley (center) of Kensington, leans into a bagel at Noah's.

## EC street sweeping schedule revealed

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A recent conversation with an El Cerrito resident has prompted maintenance and engineering services manager Mori Struve to publicly issue the city's street sweeping schedule. Struve believes there may be some misunderstanding as to what street sweeping services are being provided in the city.

"She was surprised to hear that we do sweep residential streets more than once a year," he said. "It's true that we are only able to sweep the major residential streets, but we do sweep those twice each month."

That program only began about a year ago, he said. The city continues its longstanding program of sweeping commercial areas weekly.

The resident also questioned El Cerrito's lack of signage regarding the sweeping schedule.

"There's no labor to follow the old practices, where crews put up barricades in the morning, then came back in the evening to remove them," Struve said. "Those days are

gone."

As for permanent signage, he said, "I'd rather put the money into street sweeping itself."

In addition, he said, the signs present a management problem in that they must be changed whenever the schedule is changed.

"Since we don't have a full-blown street sweeping program, why not put the money into sweeping itself and suffer a little bit with the cars that aren't moved?" he said.

The following residential streets are swept between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month:

Colusa Avenue (city limits to Eureka), Ashbury Avenue, Moeser Lane (Richmond to Arlington), Arlington Boulevard, Richmond Street, Key Boulevard, Cutting Boulevard (Elm to Pebble Beach), Kearney Street/Manila Avenue (by city hall and the Department of Motor Vehicles), Barrett Avenue.

The community center, senior

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## Letters to the Editor

### Efficiency lacking

The Journal received a copy of the following letter sent to Albany Schools Superintendent Dale Hudson.

I recently received duplicate "mailings" of the "Albany Update." First of all, I would like to point out the redundancy of mailing each child enrolled in the Albany USD, as opposed to families with children enrolled in Albany schools. To mail to each child, not only involves increased postage costs, but also increased paper cost and labor cost. I am sure a software program exists that can establish a database of families vs. children that you could use in future mailings. I would urge your business manager to look into acquiring such a program.

Although the above is an important issue, the true reason I was prompted to write to you was because I found the "Albany Update" information, especially that contained in #2, offensive. It was offensive because it appears to me to be the type of negative information (or misinformation) that citizens are being bombarded with nowadays. For instance, you know perfectly well that the majority of teachers in AUDS work well beyond the 181 days. Perhaps what you should have noted is that although teachers are contracted to work 181 days, most teachers put in significant amounts of overtime, not only during the actual 181 days, but also on holidays, weekends and summertime. I cannot tell you the last time my husband, Doug, was able to read a book or even watch a TV program since the beginning of school. It is simple math to divide his yearly salary by 181 days (which I am sure was the intent of this information), but a more realistic number would be to divide his salary by the total hours spent on education Albany's children. Shame on you for disseminating such misleading statistics.

Second, as a citizen who values their privacy, I find it offensive that you published the salary schedule. If a person wants to know the salary schedule, let them call or go to the District. To mass mail to the entire AUDS population is an attempt, on your part, to further inflame the populace with the cry that AUDS teachers are making enough money. Did you take the opportunity to point out that the way we reward a teacher who has 20 years (or 25 or 30) of service in AUDS is to withhold a salary promotion for five years? And when the five years for a step salary increase arrives, the increase is less than \$100 a month. Where was that information? Mr. Hudson, do you want your salary, your benefits, your employment perks, etc. publicized to the entire AUDS population? Yes, it is public information, but in reality only a small number of people know the actual numbers. How would that make you feel to have your income information mass mailed to AUDS families? Well, if you are honest with yourself, you will understand my feelings.

Third, Albany Update No. 2 identifies for the reader the types of benefits teachers are eligible to receive, and in boldface type you make sure the reader know that it is \$7,194. did you point out that in almost every industry, employees are provided with comparable employee benefits? Shame on you Mr. Hudson for neglecting to give all the information. Selective information is as bad as misinformation.

Finally, although your Albany Update No. 1 purports to provide "...facts about management/employee issues quickly, clearly and concisely..." I fail to find that information in any substantive value anywhere in either Update No. 1 or No. 2.

Mr. Hudson, please refrain for such tactics in the future.

Debra Kagawa  
Albany

### Discriminatory service?

The Journal received a copy of the following letter sent to Dan Richard, president of the BART Board of Directors:

Please be advised that in our office we have several people that commute to San Francisco on the Richmond line, including myself. Lately the service has been unbearable, especially during the evening commute. Sometimes the 5:04 p.m. Richmond train does not even show up even though it is announced a Richmond train is on its way. This is a concern of mine, since some of my employees anticipate picking up their children from day care on a timely basis, especially in the evening when their children are anxiously awaiting their arrival.

Also, at the El Cerrito Plaza BART station there are

only four gates, two for incoming passengers, and two for outgoing passengers; sometimes more than one train arrives and the lines to exit the station are very long, and the BART attendants do not physically collect exact-fare tickets from passengers so this may expedite matters. Due to this delay they miss their AC Transit bus connection.

To me it seems the Richmond line gets the short end when it comes to how many trains service this area as compared to the other areas' BART services. What is the reasoning behind this? People commute and hold down jobs in San Francisco from this area. I seem to feel a hint of discrimination when it comes to BART doing anything to improve the service on the Richmond line.

Linda Duff  
El Cerrito

### Keep them on the job

The Journal Received a copy of the following letter sent to School Superintendent Dale Hudson and the board members:

Please do not let Albany teachers go on strike for our children's sake. Please give the teachers what they want.

And please do not make the 2nd grade classes smaller, only because our schools don't have the rooms. Our other children have lost out because of the 1st grade taking room away from them. Do not make all our children suffer for just a few smaller classes. If we had the room, I would love for all classes to be smaller.

Also, our school day should be longer hours.  
Sharon Kermion  
Albany

### Why it failed

Editor:

I feel compelled to help the Citizen's Committee Supporting Measure H to understand why the community rejected the recent proposal. Measure H, intended to impose a \$125 residential assessment on citizens for fire suppression, failed because of four basic reasons:

1. Mistrust of City Council — Let's just say that eyebrows get raised when a councilappointed task force proposes a \$75 assessment, presumably after an in-depth study of the issues, and Council turns around and nearly doubles the tax. Why? Does Council know something we don't? What will it do with the extra revenue? Will it supplant fire funds for use in other city projects, and if so, what are they?

2. Unsound Economic Principles — Why was there no sunset clause for Measure H, and why was it indexed to inflation without a cap? Is the city not taking steps to improve our fiscal standing? Are firefighters' salaries similarly indexed? Trust the voters to extend a reasonable tax — as they did Measure G — if it is perceived as essential.

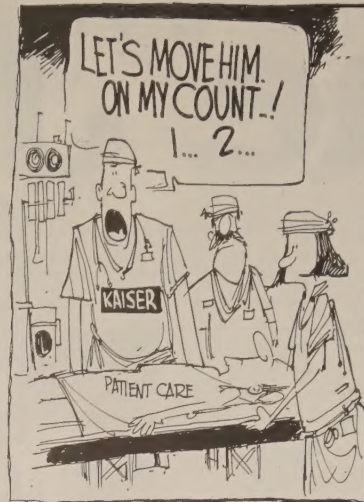
3. Lack of Business Support — From what I've read, the business community appeared willing to favor a \$75 assessment, and would probably have provided additional resources had the Measure been written in a more equitable manner. Measure H failed because it was shortsighted and too simplistic to be viable.

4. Poor Communication — I believe about 5 percent of the campaign literature delivered to my door, and have little time or inclination to visit City Hall to get all the facts. Like most citizens, I rely on my own instincts, *The Journal*, and the good judgment of city task force members when I make my voting decisions. Yes, lots of rhetoric was spewed prior to the election, but where were the hard facts? For example, what are the short- and long-term goals of fire suppression? If it is to add two more firefighters or purchase equipment, what is the estimated cost? What is the tax base? How is the tax estimated? Did anyone do a cost/benefit analysis? Some of these numbers seem to come out of thin air. You want my vote? Be clear about your goals and communicate why a specific tax will offer the resources to achieve them.

The sad thing is that I would have voted for a \$75 tax for fire suppression and, if there were a reasonable sunset clause, probably have agreed to some sort of indexing to inflation (provided that there was a maximum cap on the adjustment). Moreover, with harder facts and more stringent controls, I probably could have been convinced to vote for a higher tax as well.

I trust the people and businesses of El Cerrito to make logical decisions when the facts are presented clearly and proposed legislation is written in a reasonable fashion. Perhaps March will offer us all some measure of hope.

Steve Klein  
El Cerrito



## Police Reports

### Man arrested in Albany after exposing himself

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 Albany officers observed a man in a car wearing a blue baseball cap on the 900 block of Masonic Avenue who appeared to be watching children playing. A check of his vehicle came back clear. The officers then observed the man expose himself. He was immediately contacted and found to be from Richmond. He was arrested.

The holiday season is upon us as can be seen by the increase in burglaries, stolen cars and domestic disputes!

At about 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 9 an Albany woman flagged down an Albany officer to report that her 1988 Hyundai had been broken into and burglarized while it was parked on the 1000 block of Clay Street between 6:30 and 8 p.m. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Dec. 9 a resident on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that someone had stolen his 1988 Toyota van from in front of his house within an hour prior to his reporting. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Dec. 10 Albany officers stopped an Oakland man on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue for a vehicle code violation. They found the man had an outstanding narcotics warrant from Fremont for \$5,000 and two BART warrants totaling \$702. He was arrested.

At about 8 p.m. on Dec. 10 a Clayton man reported that while he was refereeing a basketball game at Albany High School thieves had entered the locker room, gone through his gym bag and wallet, and stole \$30 and a credit card. There were no witnesses.

At about 10:45 p.m. on Dec. 10 a resident on the 600 block of Santa Fe Avenue reported being hit with an egg that was thrown from a person driving by in a dark, boxy looking car. There were no injuries and the victim only wanted the incident reported.

On the night of Dec. 10 a resident on the 800 block of San Carlos Street reported that thieves had stolen her laptop computer from her doorstep. The computer had been delivered earlier in the day. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of Dec. 10 a resident on the 400 block of Stannage Avenue reported that the previous night thieves had stolen his gray Gary Fisher Mountain bike which was locked to a post in front of his apartment. There were no witnesses.

At about 2 a.m. on Dec. 11 Albany officers stopped a Toyota near the intersection of Marin and San Pablo avenues for a vehicle code violation. They found a Berkeley man who had a \$1,500 warrant from San Francisco for driving with a suspended license. He was arrested.

On the morning of Dec. 11 a woman at a business on the 500 block of Kains Avenue reported that thieves had stolen the VCR from the office. There were no witnesses.

On the morning of Dec. 11 a resident on the 1300 block of Washington Avenue reported that during the night thieves had stolen her 1987 Toyota. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Dec. 11 a Pinole man reported that while he was at work thieves stole his 1992 Jeep Cherokee while it was parked on the 900 block of Neilson Street. There were no witnesses.

Employees at a bar on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that one of their patrons was extremely intoxicated and refused to leave. Officers contacted a Berkeley man who was indeed intoxicated and unable to care for himself. He was arrested to be released when sober.

On the afternoon of Dec. 12 a

resident on the 1000 Ventura Avenue reported that thieves had broken his back door but was unsure, at the time of the report, if anything was stolen. Another resident on the same street also reported that thieves had broken into their back door and stolen numerous items of value. There were no witnesses in either incident.

On the afternoon of Dec. 11 Albany officers reported that vandals had painted graffiti near the entrance of the library. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Dec. 11 Albany officers contacted a man on the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue who had a warrant from BART. He was arrested.

At about 3:30 a.m. on Dec. 11 Albany officers received a call for assistance from a man on the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue who had been reported as missing. The vehicle passed through the toll plaza near the Bay Bridge where it was reported to have two suspects in custody.

A resident on the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue reported that the night someone had stolen his motor home which was parked on the street in front of his house. There were no witnesses.

During the week of Dec. 11 Albany officers responded to a call from a person at their request. Two cars, responded to 46 calls, intervened in 16 domestic disputes, attended to five lost or found animals, assisted five people who were locked out of their cars and responded to one barking dog. Albany police also responded to seven medical calls and seven medical emergencies.

### Tires slashed on eleven cars in El Cerrito

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Tires were slashed on eleven vehicles in the 11700, 11800 and 11900 blocks of San Pablo Avenue between the late afternoon of Dec. 6 and the early morning hours of Dec. 7. Most incidents were known to have occurred during the evening hours.

In other acts of vandalism, someone cracked the front window at Hi Tech Car Audio Dec. 4 or 5, and someone shot the window at Fairmont Cleaners with a BB gun, then scratched the glass doors overnight Dec. 5.

A residential fence was kicked in and broken in the 3000 block of Carlson Boulevard overnight Dec. 4.

Someone kicked and dented a car parked on Tassajara, north of Barrett, on the evening of Dec. 6. The back window of a pickup truck was shot with a pellet or BB at about 10 p.m. Dec. 6 in the 6200 block of Irma Avenue.

An armed robbery was reported on the BART path south of Manila Avenue. A man approached an El Cerrito woman, then grabbed her purse and fled at

about 11:05 a.m. Dec. 7. The man was about 5-foot, 9-inches tall with dark hair, wearing dark clothing; other descriptive information was not available.

An unknown man was found standing in an apartment in the 5800 block of El Dorado Street at about 1:30 p.m. Dec. 5 when the victim returned home.

Someone fired a .22 calibre firearm into an inhabited residence in the 2000 block of Key Boulevard at 9:38 p.m. Dec. 7.

A Portola student was found to be in possession of a pellet gun while walking to school on Portola Drive east of Everett Dec. 6 at 7:53 a.m.

A rubber tree plant was taken from a porch in the 3400 block of Carlson Boulevard at 2:05 a.m. Dec. 8.

Someone neatly removed an exterior pay phone in the 7000 block of Moeser Lane between Nov. 24 and 29.

Four arrests were made for driving under the influence. All those arrested were male residents of Richmond. The arrests were made at Potrero and Kearney Dec. 7 at 1:55 a.m., San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Dec. 8 at 7 a.m., Key

Boulevard and Knott Avenue at 4:50 a.m. and at San Pablo and Potrero at 2:30 a.m.

Four property thefts were reported. A phone was removed from a car, a column smashed in the block of Belmont Avenue on night Dec. 4. A stereo was stolen from a car parked at El Plaza during the evening of Dec. 30.

Either Dec. 6 or 7, a phone, fanny pack and cash were taken from a vehicle parked on the 2600 block of Francisco. Bedding sheets reported stolen from a vehicle in the 2000 block of Alva Avenue overnight. The items were later recovered.

An attempt was made to steal a pickup truck in the 2000 block of Key Boulevard overnight Dec. 6. The would-be burglar was punched the door lock.

Someone set a small fire in the field behind Winston on about 7:30 a.m. Oct. 22.

Three shoplifters were arrested, a Richmond man, a San Pablo man, and a Richmond man. A bike was turned in and found.

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## Scam artist arrested in EC

Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — El Cerrito officers arrested a man suspected of attempting to con his victim out of \$10,000 Tuesday afternoon. Gary Mays, 44, of Oakland was arrested at 1:30 a.m. across the street from the Bank of the West.

Police believe Mays, who has a criminal record and was listed as a parolee at large, attempted a "piggy bank drop" scam with an older El Cerrito resident. They commend the victim, an alert bank manager, at Bank of the West for hindering the plan.

According to detective Dennis Danielson, the victim, a customer of the bank, came in and asked to make a \$4,000 withdrawal. The manager questioned him and was told that "a guy in the lot" would give him \$10,000 if he showed him the withdrawal money.

The manager refused to issue the money unless the victim brought a second man in with him. She called the police.

Danielson and Detective Scott arrived at the scene and found the victim and suspect talking across the street from the bank. Danielson found three handkerchiefs, "legally used" in such scams, on the person. In one, he said, a \$20 and a \$1 bill were wrapped on

top of a pile of play money. The second held shredded newspaper. The third was empty; often empty handkerchiefs are used to wrap the victim's money so a substitution could be made.

According to Danielson, the suspect told the victim that he was from South Africa. His brother had died, and he had received a \$150,000 settlement. He could not, however, take the money to South Africa. He wanted the victim to take it and donate it to a charity or church.

First, though, he wanted to see some "good faith" money to know that the victim did not have personal need of the money.

The story is similar to others used in local scams in the last several years. Some have been successful. The money is shown and substituted for worthless paper.

"In this case, an alert manager took care" to see the scheme did not work, Danielson said.

The detective also said that such scams are common in the holiday season when "people are strapped for money."

"These guys count on that," he said, warning residents to stay away from deals with strangers.

"If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is."



### Newly weds

Ingrid Jane Batiste and Michael Oliver Hunt were married last May at the Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, with a reception at the Fairmont Hotel. The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii and reside in El Cerrito.

## Kwanzaa stories at the library

EL CERRITO — Friends of the El Cerrito Library are sponsoring a holiday program for all families and all ages. Storyteller Yolanda Rhodes will entertain with stories and explain the themes and traditions of the Kwanzaa celebration. The program will be held on the third day of Kwanzaa, Saturday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library. Refreshments will be served.

El Cerrito Branch of the Contra Costa County Library is located at 6510 Stockton Ave. Hours are: Monday, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call Agnes Chen, Youth Services Librarian, at 526-7512 during opened hours.

## Smaller classes OK'd for second graders

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Second grade students in the Albany Unified School District will join first grade students this spring with reduced class sizes of 20 students to one teacher.

The decision was met with unanimous approval by the newly installed school board Dec. 10, as well as support from parents and staff, Superintendent Dale Hudson said.

The approval was made possible because the state has deemed the district eligible to receive grant money for the first, second and a portion of the third grade classes. No plans are currently on the table for class size reduction at the third grade level.

"Financially, we've run the calculations and by taking advantage of (the expanded program) we are keeping facility funds. We should show \$56,000 to the good this year. It's going to cost us a little bit more in year three but it's not encroaching significantly," Hudson said.

Implementation will be carried out in a phased approach, with four additional teachers sharing students in existing second grade classes. According to Hudson, there was little support for moving students out of existing classes mid-year.

Board president Marsha Skinner

said the decision to move forward was not made lightly.

"It was something we were unanimously in favor of doing (but) only if it could be carried out at all four sites. We still have not completely swallowed all of the first grade classes. They are still in a less than ideal situation at Marin and Cornell," she said.

To alleviate those problems, the district will use its \$175,000 class size reduction facilities grant to construct walls in some schools' libraries or multi-use rooms to make new permanent classrooms. Portable classrooms will also be added to Marin, Cornell and MacGregor schools in time for the opening of next school year, when shared teaching will phased out and permanent, smaller classes phased in.

Connie Hubbard, the district's director of curriculum and personnel, said work is proceeding at each school site to determine the best method of delivering smaller class sizes.

"We are conducting interviews (with potential teachers) to try to get people assigned to the sites. We have to get people on board and then people will work together to see how it will work best at each site," she said, adding that full implementation should be in place by the end of January or beginning of February.

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■ Albany High School happenings

# National Hispanic Recognition goes to students

Michelle Akerman and Andres Power, members of the senior class at Albany High School, have been designated as Honorable Mention and Scholar finalists, respectively, in the National Hispanic Recognition Program, as announced by Principal Virginia Behm.

The National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program provides national recognition of the exceptional academic achievements of Hispanic high school seniors for postsecondary institutions.

Students enter the program by taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) as high school juniors, and by identifying themselves as Hispanic. From over 100,000 students nationwide, the 3,000 highest-scoring students are identified as semifinalists. The local high school students are among these 3,000 Hispanic students who were national semifinalists and have been further designated as Scholar finalists in the recognition program.

## Keyboarding Standouts

Students in last spring's keyboarding classes at Albany High School really got "up to speed." Students were timed for five minutes and any errors were subtracted from their overall score. Speeds ranged from 97 words per minute to 70 words per minute.

Bill Nash, keyboarding teacher at Albany High, recognized the following students as being the fast, most accurate keyboarders around: Katrina Vahedi, Kent Liu, Olivia Wu, Sean Gates, Meeka Quan, Stacey Young, Wayne Huang, Nadia Roan, Yea-Hung Chen, Sue Cline, Yuko Kondo and Hari Savitala. Congratulations to them all.

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## Advanced Placement Scholar Awards

Nineteen students at Albany High School have been named AP scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Examinations. Approximately 54 percent of America's graduating seniors have taken one or more AP Examinations. Only about 12 percent of the more than 537,000 students who took AP Examinations in May 1996 performed at a sufficiently high level to merit such recognition.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achieve-

ment based on the number of year-long courses and exams (or their equivalent semester-long courses and exams).

Two students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning grades of 3 or above on five or more AP Examinations, with an average exam grade of at least 3.5. These students are Jia Fang and Zachariah Teitler.

Eight students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning grades of 3 or above on four or more AP Examinations, with an average exam grade of at least 3.25. These students are Jennifer Aramayo, YiYi Chang, Albert Chen, Max Good, Mizuho Mimoto, Hanh Nguyen, Melanie Rawlins and Madeline Reed.

Nine students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Examinations, with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are Elsa-Jennie Bliss, Genevieve Graves, Matthew Hall, David Pereda, David Riffer, Nathaniel Rudiak-Gould, Mara Silver, Angela Tsui and Hanna Walukiewicz.

Congratulations to all of these students and their teachers.

# Recycle Christmas

**EL CERRITO** — Staff at the El Cerrito Recycling Center recommends reusing or recycling as many of your holiday items as possible. It is a busy time of year at the recycling center, but materials are always welcome. Here are some of the special items accepted during the holiday season.

## Christmas Trees

Residents can recycle their Christmas trees at the center on Schmidt Lane. The tree will be chipped and turned into mulch. This mulch is free for pickup year round at the El Cerrito Recycling Center.

To recycle your tree, please follow these steps: 1) remove all decorations, including tinsel; 2) remove the stand 3) remove all nails; 4) bring your tree to the El Cerrito Recycling Center. Trees are accepted free of charge; 5) Christmas trees only, no yard trimmings, branches, wreaths, or garlands. No flocked or artificial trees.

The El Cerrito Recycling Center will accept Christmas trees Dec. 26 through Jan. 12. Trees will be accepted 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The Center will be closed on New Year's Day.

## Gift wrap and boxes

After all the presents have been opened, the leftover gift wrap and gift boxes can also be recycled at the center. Both gift wrap and gift boxes

can be placed in the Mulch Please remove all ribbons, other plastic decorations, not recyclable.

**Corrugated cardboard** The El Cerrito Recycling program now accepts corrugated cardboard. You may place cardboard boxes at the center, in bottles, cans, and newspapers, slip your cardboard into any bag, or cut it into foot pieces and tie them into more than one foot bag. "Gift boxes" are not acceptable. The El Cerrito Recycling Center is located at 2501 Schmidt Lane, Monday-Friday, 4:45 p.m. and Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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## West County School Watch

By Glen Price

## LEARN-ASAP needs help

With less than two weeks before the new year, you may be thinking about making a contribution to help the community's children and youth.

Think about helping the LEARN After School Academic program (LEARN-ASAP), an educational enrichment and recreation program for refugee and immigrant youth.

Pastor Stacy Boorn of Grace Lutheran Church is the director of the program and it operates out of their church facilities at 2369 Barrett Avenue, Alameda, CA 94804; phone - 237-6239; email: stacyboorn@aol.com. The Greater Alameda Interfaith Program (GAI) sponsors LEARN-ASAP.

The program targets 45 limited English speaking youth, from 1st-10th grade, whose parents do not have the academic background or English language skills to support their children in school. It maximizes its financial resources through the use of community volunteers who provide one-on-one services to youth. Boorn says, "our mission is to empower young people with knowledge and education, so that they can gain control over their lives and avoid an intergenerational cycle of illiteracy, undereducation, and poverty."

LEARN-ASAP helps children and youth succeed in school by pairing them with tutors and mentors, providing a safe environment to study and play, and introducing them to a wide variety of enriching activities (field trips have included San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Youth Orchestra Open Rehearsals, Walking Tours,

Nature Outings, Camping, etc.).

VOLUNTEERS are needed and people are encouraged to volunteer to tutor, read with a child or help correct homework. It is simple and very rewarding. Tutorial times are 4 - 5 p.m. and 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (preferred time). Volunteers may work with a student of any age. Prepared materials and training is available. It is FUN and will make a difference in the life of a student and our community.

LEARN-ASAP also provides a safe place for children to play, enjoy mini-meals, work on computers, learn new skills, enhance their values, receive leadership training, seek school advocacy, assist in parent training, go on field trips and interact with others.

LEARN-ASAP meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Your help could really make a difference as there is presently a student waiting list. As Boorn says, "One hour a week can turn the world around." Contact

Boorn to volunteer or ask for information (telephone: 237-6239).

The LEARN-ASAP program was brought to my attention by one of our long-time West County School Watch email correspondents Viki Maki. Maki volunteers in the LEARN-ASAP program and notes, "It's a wonderful program... One thing they desperately need is some computer equipment. They have some old 386s but no printer!" Computers, books and monetary contributions are also needed. As you read this column please consider helping Pastor Boorn...you'll be glad you did.

## Bringing the Community Together

On Wednesday, Dec. 11 and Saturday Dec. 14, two very different organizations convened conferences around the issue of safety for our community's children and youth.

The East Bay Public Safety Corridor Partnership held a "Team Building Conference" on

Dec. 11 to explore extended day options for youth and community. As the name implies, "extended day" involves using school sites in close cooperation with the community and community based organizations to provide a broad array of services after-school and on weekends.

On Dec. 14, the Alliance for Public Education brought together over 75 people from throughout West County to dialogue on how to "Create Safe Learning Environments for Teaching and Learning." The Alliance event drew together a broad spectrum of panelists including: Assemblymember Dion Louise Aroner, Maria Teresa Viramontes of the East Bay Public Safety Corridor Partnership, Mira Vista parent Maria Lemus Hollands, school security officer Tom Bertera, Richmond High teacher Lana Martarella, Lincoln Elementary School Principal Marco Gonzales, and Ben Murdock of the North Richmond

Neighborhood House. Equal time was dedicated to community participation from the floor.

In future columns I will provide an in-depth report on both events. As Executive Director of the East Bay Public Safety Corridor Partnership and keynote speaker for the Alliance event, Maria Teresa Viramontes addressed both forums and framed her remarks with these statistics, "Homicide is the leading cause of death for school-age children in the East Bay. Guns are the leading weapon killing children. Children are at greatest risk between the hours of 3-6 PM."

Viramontes outlined ten safety-promoting strategies and concluded with a message of hope which resonated with both the purpose of the Alliance for Public Education and the spirit of this season, "working together we have already had an impact and, working together, we will beat this problem."

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# Collector finds hidden treasures in obvious places

I met Michael Gonsalves and Marilyn Hanson at the Richmond Museum of History at the "Phantom of the Basement" celebration. John W. Burke, chief conservator at the Oakland Museum, was attending the event, evaluating items brought in by people who didn't know their date or worth. Michael and Marilyn had brought in an item they could not identify. A copper "thing" which looked as if it had a very real purpose in life, but one they could not name. Interestingly, neither could Mr. Burke. Nor could any of the people who gathered around the curiosity and tried their hand at guessing its reason for being.

The whole matter of the "thing" that Gonsalves and Hanson brought in so intrigued all of us that we all dedicated ourselves to following up on it. However, Gonsalves tells us, he still has no clue what it is or what it could possibly be used for. "Where did you acquire it?" I asked and he responded, "From a fellow in a storage place."

And that brings up another interesting thing about Michael Gonsalves: He is a collector. But there are lots of collectors around (I know, my family is deeply into collecting), but Gonsalves spends the better part of his life collecting. And one of the most interesting things about his collections is the fact that he finds things (or people find them for him) in the most interesting places. Knowing his proclivities, friends spy something in an old

home being destroyed, in storage rental spaces that are being sold out because of non-payment, or someone dying, or even in the dumps and they call him. He follows it up immediately, finding the most wonderful treasures in the least likely places.

Often friends or acquaintances call him telling him they have been hired to raze an old home or building and suggesting that he browse through it first to see if there are any treasures there. There usually are.

Most of the things he finds are identifiable, of course, but every once in a while he comes across an item such as the copper "thing" that no one can identify. That only adds piquancy to the collection.

Gonsalves and Hanson talk about some of the other items in his immense collection. There is a reed organ that he bought at a thrift store. It wasn't working when he bought it, but he could see that someone had redone it and had kept it in pretty good shape. He took it to work with him. His fellow workers laughed. "What are you going to do with that, Mike?" And he answered, "I am going to get it to work." And, of course, he did.

Old things are easy to work on, he tells us. It took three weeks and an additional \$3 before he was able to sit down and play it. It was the culmination of a dream. "When I was a kid a neighbor had one of these. It fascinated me, and I

have never forgotten it. It was like chills went down my back when I found it and when I was able to play it."

They brought out an old, very old Bissell carpet sweeper which he had found in the mud in a dump. He showed me how he had put a new handle on it, using an old fishing pole. It works beautifully now, and lives in Marilyn's home where it is used every day.

Many of the things he finds need repair and he seems able to find ways to repair most of them. Marilyn does the research to find out when, where, and how it was made and how it was used.

While approaching a thrift store (he spends many hours in such stores and becomes friendly with the staff in most of them) he saw a table lying in back. The store did not take furniture, so the owner had simply dropped it there and left it. Michael, of course, took it home. They found it was hand made in the 1840s. They found stamps under the drawer from an antique store in Berkeley, and a handwritten note "table circa 1840s" and beside it, written in pencil, "Roosevelt died today."

He tells of seeing a decanter at a thrift store that was obviously very old. In fact, he was told an old lady who had donated it said

it was 100 years old or older. The clerk said, "I have to get \$5 for it." It was very dirty, but after cleaning it up, he found it was from Austria, had 42 garnets around the top and the base, had gold and enamel on it, ruby glass, and when you held it up you could actually see gold in the red. At a collectibles show he was told, "This is museum quality."

"I started collecting when, as a 14-year-old boy, I started going to the dumps, buying items, fixing them up and selling them." He has never stopped. He likes to buy things for their parts and later finds something that needs just such a part to be restored. He and Marilyn talked of many items they had found that he was able to restore in just that way.

Mostly, he says, he either keeps them, gives them to friends and family (there are many such items in Marilyn's home) or sometimes sells them, although he finds it difficult to dispose of them.

"It is amazing to me what people get rid of," he says, and speaks of many bikes he has found and restored and the odds and ends of treasures.

He speaks of an old oval wash tub that he made into a side car. "My dog rides in it," he smiles.

He made a floor lamp from a

## Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



carousel horse. "So many things form the thrift store went into it that they put it on display there. The woman who bought it had a party for it."

Documents (he has one from the Library of Congress from 1892, with a history), books, items of all kinds. And Michael and Marilyn research everything carefully and find fascinating stories behind some of them. They use the facilities at the Oakland Museum where they receive a great deal of advice and help in their research. Also, since Marilyn's mother works at the Richmond Library, they do a great deal of the research there.

Hanson, too, is a collector even more eclectic. She collects animals (the back yard of her home is full of them). People in the neighborhood find stray animals and she adopts them. And, speaking of the house, Marilyn says her great-grandparents built the Richmond home she lives in with her parents. It has never been out of the family.

"They have had some big-time

parties here," she says, and that through the years, people from Richmond have been welcomed into the home. Much Richmond history has been written there.

Hanson collects books about 1,100 of them. She likes "Native American stuff."

There is so much more to collecting is contagious and difficult to end the interest. Creative, interested in the aspect of collecting, and enthusiastic about it — collecting should be about fun.

So intense is their interest all of us at the Richmond Museum that day were caught up in the fun. Including John Burke of the Oakland Museum. What a fun.

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## El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce By Sewall Glinertnick

### Last chance to chat with Santa

Local children have just two more chances to meet with Santa Claus in El Cerrito to let them know what they want for Christmas.

The jolly gent from the North Pole will wind up his stay at a special Santa's Village in El Cerrito Plaza this weekend. He will be on hand to greet children from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

The gaily decorated Village, located in the former Miller's department store, is the work of David Vrutia, Sean Cuddihy, and the Plaza security staff, who built the facility on their own time as their way of "helping the merchants of El Cerrito Plaza."

The Village also serves as the collection point for the Fire Fighters Toy Program. A toy or \$5 cash donation to the program will entitle any youngsters under the age of 12 to a free picture with Santa. Santa's Village will be open through next Monday so that local children can mail last minute gift requests at the village's special post box. All letters mailed there will be answered.

This weekend also marks the entrance for youngsters to get on the Plaza's Christmas Morning Contest. Free entry tickets are available at all Plaza shops, and prizes will be awarded next Monday.

#### Champagne buffet tomorrow

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's annual Holiday Champagne Buffet Luncheon will be held at noon tomorrow at the Cerrito City Club. For only \$12.50 per person, members and their guests will enjoy a social hour, a special luncheon, and a holiday

drawing for several valuable prizes.

In addition, the results of the mail balloting for the Chamber's Board of Directors will be announced, and a new Executive Board will be elected.

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#### Christmas display ends Thursday

You have until next Thursday to enjoy the beautiful illuminated Nativity display in the garden area of Chamber of Commerce honorary member Sundar Shadi's home at 944 Arlington.

Now in its 46th year, once again the display has drawn hundreds of viewers from near and far. Assisting in the construction of this year's holiday scene were members of the El Cerrito Fire Department.

Weather permitting, the display will be lighted from 6 to 10 p.m. through Dec. 26.

#### Bank adds services

Coast Federal Bank at 10770 San Pablo, a long-time member of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, has added several new "user-friendly" services over the past few months.

Janice Russell, vice president and branch manager of the local bank, reports that customer use of a new, well lit drive-up ATM has been growing rapidly since it was installed last June.

Customers who haven't the time to wait in line can now take advantage of a special lobby express deposit box, while customers with problems can visit the bank's new special services desk.

The interior of the bank has also been given something of a facelift with the installation of new carpet and furniture.

Newest service to be added at Coast, according to Russell, is free direct deposit checking.

This program offers customers free checking, the use of other bank's ATMs 10 times a month at no charge, and free teller service when needed. Under this plan, when purchases are paid by check, the bank will double the manufacturer's warranty protection up to one year and will replace purchases lost, stolen or broken within 90 days.

Customers signing up for direct deposit checking at Coast Federal will also get their choice of a free 150-piece tool kit, GE clock radio or a free safety deposit box.

#### Enjoy tax savings

In-Ads Director Publishers, one of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce's newer members, this week reminded local businesspeople that a year-end tax saving was available to them.

The firm pointed out that, by purchasing or committing to purchase an ad in their soon-to-be-published El Cerrito-Albany-Kinsington telephone directory before the end of the year, could result in tax savings for 1996.

The new directory, according to a company spokesman, requires that businesses that qualify need only pay for the phone calls they receive.

They also reported the new directory would help reconnect a market which is now arbitrarily split between two books, and would require that businesses pay "considerably less" for phone book advertising.

Claiming the new directory would appeal to the 65 percent



Local children have been flocking to see Santa.

of adults who regularly use the yellow pages. In-Ads said further information on the forthcoming phone book could be obtained by calling 845-6204.

#### Dec. 11 Membership Mixer

Sincere appreciation is extended to Ed and Lee Canepa, family and staff for providing a most festive and enjoyable Membership Mixer last week at El Cerrito Lighting. We were treated to viewing the new showroom areas with gifts galore arranged with color and flair, making a very pleasing shopping experience for customers for the next week of

holiday needs, both gift and home decorating buying, and lighting needs.

About 45 members and guests were in attendance enjoying the wonderful refreshments prepared by Lee with excellent networking with business card exchanges, allowing the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with one another, members and guests alike.

Winners of the business card drawing with prizes provided by our hosts were Sil Addiego, Locators Real Estate; Joe Pena, Family Fair; Mike Gonzales, El Cerrito Electric; Larry Sanchez, Marvin Collins Construction

Co.; Bill Kerber, Freeway Motel; Danielle Cone, Mason McDuffie; and Kent Berndt, retired, Bank of the West, who also served as our mixologist for the evening event, with thanks too, for his help and support of our chamber.

#### Seasons Greetings

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season. This is the time of year where we can reflect on the year's happenings and be truly thankful for what we have received, and have hope for a healthy, happy and prosperous 1997.

## New math curriculum on review in Albany

ALBANY—Parents are invited to review new math materials proposed for the K-8 levels in the Albany Unified School District.

The district is considering adoption of the following materials:

grades 6-8, Glencoe; grades 2-5, TERC; grades K-1 to continue piloting for the possibility of including materials expected to be available soon.

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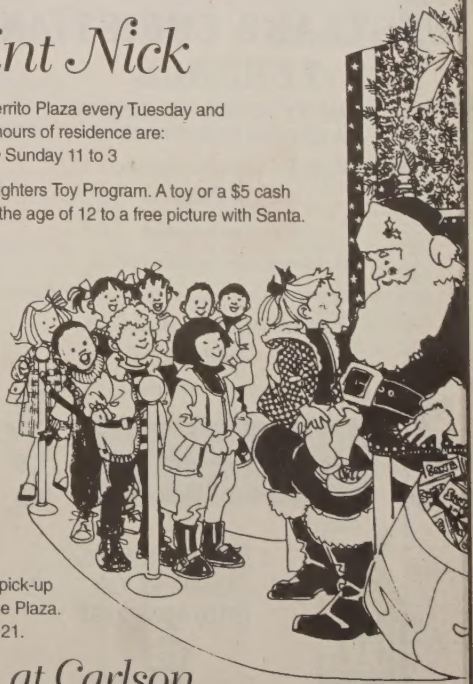
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#### Christmas Coloring Contest

The El Cerrito Plaza is also having a Christmas Coloring Contest. Please pick-up entries at any shop or restaurant in the Plaza. Prizes will be awarded on December 21.

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# Cardroom

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objections by Ladbroke and a recommendation from a city-hired attorney that he recuse himself.

"After consulting with the City Attorney and the Fair Political Practices Commission, I am confident I don't have a conflict of interest," Ely said.

Good, who was elected mayor last week, then opened the public hearing by saying the issue before the council was not potential crime or environmental impacts from the project, but whether the council has legal authority to extend the deadline and, if so, whether the extension would be consistent with the mandate of the voters.

More than 25 speakers attempted to sway the council to either extend the agreement or let it be.

"Time is of the essence in this agreement," said school board member Bill Cain, an adamant cardroom opponent. "The fact that (the city's) chosen advisors gave bad advice (by including the 2-1/2 year deadline) doesn't change the agreement. Please do not extend the agreement — it's not in Albany's best interest."

Matt Rinaldi, an equally adamant cardroom supporter, put a different spin on the situation.

"I could say democracy is of the essence," Rinaldi said, going on to give the council a blast from the past by producing both anti-

cardroom campaign literature from the 1994 election ("Measure F is like putting a loaded gun to your head") and letters to the editor written earlier this year attacking both former Mayor Mike Brodsky and himself.

"What I've heard for the past two years is slander and personal attacks by the CRG," Rinaldi said. "CRG had their chance. They lost. Please protect democracy in this city."

CRG president David Arkin advised the council the public's support of the project, which was approved by a 186-vote margin in 1994. "It's no secret that many 'yes' voters held their noses with one hand and pulled the lever with the other," said Arkin, who also advised the council to seek outside legal advice.

Ladbroke attorney Amy Forbes brought up the propriety of Ely voting on the extension, saying that although she was interested in discussing the matter, she didn't have sufficient information. She said Ladbroke has spent more than \$650,000 defending the case.

Also speaking on behalf of Ladbroke was Peter Tunney, general manager for Golden Gate Fields, who pointed to the \$3.4 million in tax revenue produced by the 60-table Casino San Pablo during the past 11 months. "A vote against the waiver would be a victory for the people who lost (the election)," he said.

he said.

While some speakers cited the potential revenue from the cardroom as money which could increase youth-oriented services in Albany, others pointed to Ely's victory in the recent election as a manifestation of public opposition to the project. Some, including CRG attorneys Bob Outis and Dan Taaf, challenged the legality of extending the agreement. Their arguments did not sway City Attorney Robert Zweben, however, who said "Nothing has been said that changes our opinion."

Despite all the legal wrangling, one thing was clear — Ely's victory last month was significant in that it produced a council majority with a different cardroom agenda.

"If we were to extend (the agreement), I would feel that it would be appropriate at this point to take the measure back to the voters," Thomsen said. "We need to be sure that's the process people want."

"I don't think we have to do anything," said Good, adding that another clause in the agreement, dealing with permitted delays, could be an avenue by which the cardroom would still come to pass. "I shall not vote in favor of (extending the deadline)."

While Ely, who commented only sparingly, seconded Good and Thomsen's suggestion to put the project to

another vote of the people. Councilmember Elizabeth Baker seemed flabbergasted by her fellow council members' opinions. "I really can't believe that we are not letting this litigation come to its appropriate end," she said.

Councilmember Bruce Mast pointed to the city's financial condition — the main selling point for the cardroom in 1994 — saying that although the situation has improved somewhat, Albany is not out of the woods yet.

"The fact remains that if we continue on our current course we are going to go under," Mast said. Apparently sensing the position of the majority, Baker then moved to continue the hearing at the Jan. 6 council meeting.

CRG members, although not declaring victory just yet, seemed more content than they have been in the past with what transpired in the council chambers.

"I'm pleased that they're going to think about it because I think there's a lot to think about," Arkin said. "I'm happy the council is listening to citizens. It's very refreshing."

Despite Good's assertion of an allowable permitted delay, which Forbes called an avenue Ladbroke was willing to look at, CRG attorney Bob Outis said that particular clause has "nothing to do" with extending the deadline. "I think

there's a very clear deadline under the development agreement," he said. "If it's not met, there's very little chance (the cardroom will be built.)"

Zweben, however, did not dismiss the option, although he did say "It's by no stretch a better choice."

Outis also said it was possible the case might continue as a matter of public policy regardless of whether the cardroom itself was a moot point. If CRG were to win, the city might end up footing some of their CRG's bills.

"If we prevail in the lawsuit,

CRG has a right to claim... and I suspect it would... said, calling the amount of fees "significant."

"We're going to have... that," said Zweben, who has previously called such a scenario the realm of possibility.

The council will revisit the matter on Monday, Jan. 6 in the Stone Room of the Albany City Hall at 8 p.m. If they continue to... CRG might very well... winning the legal battle without a victory in court.

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## Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

### 1996: A year of changes

As 1997 draws near, what will we remember of 1996? In the Albany school district we saw some important changes.

Early in the year, Connie Hubbard took over as curriculum director, filling an important post that had been vacant three years. Business Director Stanley Maleski left in May, to be replaced by Ralph Hatland in August. In November, Peggy Thompson and Alan Riffer stepped down from the school board while Bill Cain and Owen Jones stepped up. (Candidates Jewel Okawachi and Dave McMahon, who both ran gallant campaigns, can be congratulated along with the winners for focusing voter attention on issues, not personalities.)

Issues before the school board in 1996 were not new, nor are they yet resolved. The Master Plan for spending school bond money has yet to be completed. Concern over seismic retrofitting of the schools continues to trouble us. The city and the district reached some agreements over the new Middle School plans, but talk will continue. A great deal of time has already been spent

talking about traffic, trash, and creek restoration.

Thanks to an improving state economy, the district saw more money coming in than in years past. However, we've been on tight rations for years; many worthy people are clamoring for relief. First among these is the Albany Teachers' Association, who have asked for a larger raise than the district says it can afford.

Teachers' contracts don't expire until June, but the right to renegotiate certain contract features had opened the door for an unofficial teachers' slowdown, still in progress. The two sides negotiated for months before finally declaring impasse in November.

On a more positive note, school board members voted to restore certain classes that had not been seen for a while. Parent concern over a dwindling curriculum at AMS led to science classes being restored. The high school also received funding for music and other classes. However, parents continue to be apprehensive about science, technology, and math curriculums in Albany. The district's math committee

has been working on a revamping of math education for a while now, and the results of this work may be among the early changes seen in 1997.

Also positive is the success of the Albany Education Foundation, which began granting money for teachers' projects this spring. A new round of mini-grants will be announced in early 1997.

New money for class size reduction left Albany, like many other districts, scrambling to find teachers and classrooms for smaller classes in the early grades. Libraries, computer labs, multi-use rooms — every available space in our elementary schools has been appropriated. No one doubts the benefits of the new program, but making it work has challenged teachers, students, and parents as well as administrators.

Through all of these changes the PTAs of Albany have advocated for our students at meetings and other public forums. We will continue to do so in 1997. The first PTA

meeting of the new year will happen when PTA Council meets on Monday, Jan. 6, at 7:30 at Albany Middle School. On Wednesday, Jan. 8, the Vista-MacGregor PTA will meet at MacGregor. On Thursday, Jan. 9, Albany Middle School PTA meets at 7 p.m. in the AMS library. Mark your brand new calendar!

A final note: This will be my last PTA Council column. I've enjoyed researching and writing it for the past two years, but it's time to catch up on other responsibilities and perhaps expand to some new ones as well. Many thanks to all of you who gave me your information and insights. Thanks also to everyone who took the time to tell me their reactions to the column, especially those who said they turned to it first! And finally, thanks to editor Shannon Morgan and the Hills Newspapers for giving the PTA space for publicizing events so important to people in Albany. A wonderful and productive year to you all.

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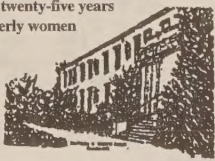
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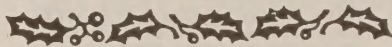
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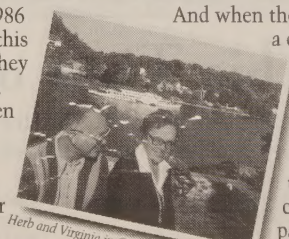
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## School

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to 1995 code levels if "extensive renovations that is more than 50 percent of the replacement cost" are undertaken.

"It basically says if you are spending that kind of money you might as well bring the building up to current code standards," Chauhan said, indicating that the district's architect said current estimated project costs exceeded the 50 percent trigger.

"Because they (the district) have to meet the 1995 code it really will exceed the 75 percent (replacement cost) limit set by the State Allocation Board," Chauhan added.

Exactly how much the added work will cost the district is unknown.

The district is currently analyzing the buildings' seismic conditions, the cost and scope of work needed to meet the more stringent safety standards. That report will not be complete until January and will then have to go to the Division of State Architect and Office of Regulatory Services before a determination can be made and the issue comes before the Board of Education for action.

Newly-appointed board president Marsha Skinner said the board

is proceeding cautiously.

"You reach a point where you have to question whether it's practical to sink that much money into an aging building. Every discovery that's been made has bumped up the cost," she said of analysis on the building's repair needs so far. Skinner said that aside from the high costs there is also concern about displacing students for an increasing length of time to complete the growingly complex repairs or rebuilding process.

Possibilities discussed at the Dec. 10 board meeting included the placement of portable classrooms at Memorial Park, Cougar Field or in the median of Key Route Boulevard.

New school boardmember Bill Cain, who is a project manager for EBMUD's seismic improvement program, said that school building codes are complex.

"They are similar to some city building codes, (but) the state adopts additional provisions that are more stringent. They are in the process of reviewing the code and we have not made an application yet," bringing the matter down to a question of timing, Cain said.

"My particular position is that you don't shoot for minimums, you try to

get something you reasonably believe will be effective. If there is (state) adoption on the horizon that would have more stringent requirements than the one you are going in on, I would tend toward meeting the more stringent requirement," he said.

According to documents released by the district last summer, phase one of the high school's retrofit would cost \$9.7 million under the less stringent code requirements. Those documents also projected work on the high school to begin in the year 2002.

At issue are the school's main classroom building and gymnasium. In the classroom building, the district's structural engineer, R.W. Wiley and Associates, found last December in an initial report that the four parts of the building are not adequately tied together because "no connection is shown across the length of the floor or roof diaphragms" to concrete piers in the building's walls. Also, the report notes a lack of an adequate roof diaphragm.

The initial report on the gymnasium focused on the connection of the exterior reinforced concrete walls to the roof diaphragm and recommended new anchorage between wall trusses.

## Suspect

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hearing her call out for help.

Although the girl was not physically harmed, Police Chief Larry Murdo said such attacks can take a heavy psychological toll. Also, had the girl not called out, the consequences could have been much worse, Murdo said.

"I think he would have completed what he was going to do, whatever that was," Palmini said. "This is dangerous stuff."

Although police have checked with neighboring jurisdictions in an attempt to discern a pattern, the

incident appears so far to be an isolated one. "Normally, with something like this, you'll see a series or a pattern," Palmini said. He also said the man seemed to be aware he was attacking an under-age victim, adding that "She certainly doesn't look eighteen."

Although police said they had no suspects as of Monday, they hoped to identify the man with the help of a composite sketch and a rather detailed description. The suspect was last seen by the victim wearing a hooded gray or white sweatshirt, white tennis shoes and blue jeans, and was carrying a white plastic

shopping bag, police said. He is described as being medium-length dark hair with several days of beard and the beginnings of a mustache. Police said he had three scars on his face — one on either cheek — as well as acne-caused bumps on his forehead. He was also reported as having a body odor, possibly caused by homelessness.

Those with information suspect should call Detective Kevin Horn at 510-357-4000.

## Arrest

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to uncover the operation. A female officer "applied for a job and got hired," he said. In addition, a male officer entered the house posing as a customer.

No formal charges have been filed, pending review by the district attorney's office. Danielson said materials concerning the case should be submitted to the district attorney's office by today.

In the past, prostitutes were of-

ten seen standing on San Pablo Avenue in local communities.

"You seldom see that anymore," said Danielson. "They are becoming more organized and moving into houses. It's easier for them, and safer."

This arrest is the second house arrest he's been involved with in

the last six months.

In the first case, the man was accused of using young girls as prostitutes. One girl was taken to him for rape.

"That rape case led to this house," Danielson said.

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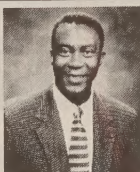
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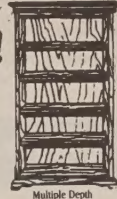
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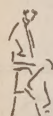
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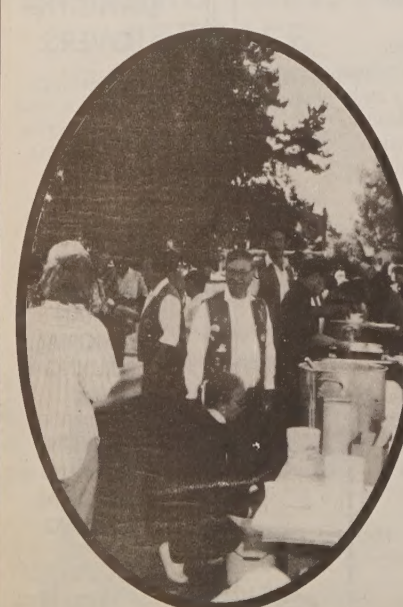
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## Streets

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inter, recycling center and corporation yard parking lots are also except on the same schedule. Commercial areas are swept Monday nights between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. They are: San Pablo Avenue, Mount Avenue, Central Avenue, Madison Avenue, BART, Carlson Boulevard (city limits to San Pablo), Rockton Avenue (San Pablo to

Ashbury), Moeser Lane (San Pablo Avenue to Richmond), Schmidt Lane (San Pablo Avenue to Richmond), Kearney Street (Potrero to Madison, Conlon to Cutting), Eastshore Avenue, Potrero Avenue (Eastshore to San Pablo), Hill Street (San Pablo to Liberty), Liberty Street (Hill to Key), Cutting Boulevard (freeway to Key) and Knott Avenue (freeway to Key).

## Noah's

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not duplicate existing services.

Some neighbors say they've heard it all before.

Noah's opened its second store in 1991, at 1883 Solano Ave. The original use permit allowed Noah's to sell bagels and other items for takeout, as from a bakery, but no ready-to-eat food, as at a restaurant. "No food or beverage shall be sold or served for consumption on the premises," the permit states.

The Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association had a keen interest in the new bakery, having hammered out a food service quota in 1988 that limited the number of restaurants on upper Solano to 12. (There were already 23 restaurants before the quota took effect, and TONA hoped — so far in vain — to reduce that number by attrition.)

Alper thus had to convince TONA members that he would not increase the number of neighborhood restaurants from 23 to 24 be-

fore he could winning their support. TONA members even recall Alper promising not to bake bagels on the premises, a statement Alper denies ever making.

"What do you think the oven is for?" Alper said.

Either way, Noah's on Solano did begin making its own bagels on site, and those bagels went on to become a Bay Area legend. So too did Noah's ready-to-eat lox smears sandwiches, which locals eat as quickly as they can get them out of the bag.

And it's in that instant satisfaction that the conflict lies. TONA maintains that Noah's violated its use permit by making dining at the store easier every year, ultimately going so far as to install stools for patrons to eat on. That move drew serious complaints from neighbors, who had the city cite Noah's in 1994 and demand the stool be removed.

Noah's complied, then put a

bench out front, drawing new fire. Neighbors say it's just as easy to eat at Noah's with the bench as it was with the stools, and that the bench still violates Noah's use permit.

When Noah's installed the bench in 1993, however, the Department of Public Works considered it no more than a "decorative non-commercial installation." Outdoor furniture has fallen under the city's "sidewalk café seating" regulations since 1995, but Noah's bench is grandfathered in.

The new plan defies the restaurant quota far more clearly than the bench ever did. Still, Alper considers the move good for both the store — now a part of Einstein Bagels of Colorado — and the neighborhood.

"If the restaurant's not welcome, then people won't go there and it will close," Alper said. "It's still a free market, even in Berkeley."

Alper assures critics that the new restaurant would not increase congestion on Solano. Most of Noah's

customers arrive before neighboring businesses open, he says, so they won't be competing for parking spaces. Neither does Noah's intend to hire more staff, or at least only enough to clear the new tables, not wait on them.

Alper draws his support, in part, from a petition with over 700 signatures in his favor, about 200 from people who live within walking distance of the store. The Solano Avenue Association, a merchant group, also supports the move.

But the Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association and a number of other residents do not. They call for more diversity and less traffic on upper Solano, and suggest that Noah's wait until another restaurant opens up nearby.

After all, a new restaurant use permit could outlast Noah's by many years. TONA has little faith in Alper, and their relationship isn't improving.

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**Contra Costa Hills Club.** Dec. 19: Two-hour walk to visit S.F.'s downtown Christmas displays. 415-587-9749 or 510-886-4830. Dec. 22: Six-mile hike on Concord Canal Trail. 934-5924.

**Dharma Publishing.** 2910 San Pablo Ave. 548-5407. Dec. 21: Winter Solstice.

**Free Dance Classes** for children K-6th graders. Tuesdays: International Folk Dance at Live Oak Recreation Center. 644-8513. Mondays: African Drumming/Dance. 644-8515.

**The East Bay Collectors Club**, which is for those interested in stamp collecting, postal history and all related matters, meets from 7:30-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Kensington Recreation Center. 465-6266 or 526-5397.

**Holiday Crafts Fair** will be at the Berkeley Farmers' Market, Center St. at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, on Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jojo La Plume the Puppeteer will perform Dec. 21.

**Holiday Soccer/Sports Camp** will be held Dec. 23, 24, 26, 27 and Dec. 30, 31/Jan. 2, 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Castro Park and Clubhouse. Weekly fee: \$72. Sponsored by the City of El Cerrito, 7007 Mooser Ln.

**Israeli folk dancing** 8 to midnight, Wednesdays at El Cerrito Veteran Building, 6401 Stockton, El Cerrito. 231-0959.

**Judah L. Magnes Museum.** 2911 Russell St. 549-6950. Dec. 25: Family

Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Joel Ben Izzy will tell stories at noon.

**Kensington 55+ Activity Center.** open Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146.

**La Peña Cultural Center.** 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2215. 19: Slide Show and discussion on persecution in Western civilization, at 7:30 p.m. \$5-10.

**Lawrence Hall of Science.** Centennial Drive below Grizzly Peak Blvd. 642-5132. Saturdays and Sundays: Holi Planetarium at 1, 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$2 per ticket. Saturdays: Computer Lab at 1, 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. \$5 per adult/child team. Recommended for children 5 and up. Free stargazing from nightfall to 11 p.m. Through Jan. 19: "Brain Games," a colorful, interactive exhibition featuring games designed to stimulate your mind. Dec. 23, 26, 31, Jan. 1, 2, 3: Science Film Festival.

**REI.** 1338 San Pablo Ave. 527-4140. Dec. 19: Exploring Wild Places: An Evening with Outdoor Writer Paul McHugh, at 7 p.m.

**Stained Glass Garden.** 1800 Fourth St. 841-2200. Through Dec. 19: Introduction to Stained Glass, from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday evenings.

**Three Choirs** will perform in Berkeley's Bart Plaza at Center and Shattuck from noon to 4 p.m. every Sat. until Christmas this Saturday.

**Winter Solstice Open Reading** will be held at the Ecology Center Bookstore, 2530 San Pablo Ave, on Dec. 21 at 7 p.m.

### Performances

**A Christmas Tapestry**—Medieval, Renaissance and Traditional Christmas Music from the British Isles, Spain and the New World. Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany. \$16/ \$13 students, seniors. 524-5661.

**A Gift** Christmas Musical, will be performed Dec. 21 from 7:30-9 p.m. at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1940 Virginia St. 848-9132.

**A Parisian Christmas** Concert on Dec. 22 at First Congregational Church, Dana at Durant St. at 7:30 p.m. \$30, \$23, \$16. Free talk one hour before performance. 415-392-4400 for tickets.

**Mick Berry** will perform his new one-man show, *Dad Fought Hitler, The Bottle, and Me* Dec. 21 at Cafe De La Paz, 1600 Shattuck Ave. \$5.

**Ashkenaz.** 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 525-5054. Dec. 19: Haunted By Waters at 9 p.m. Dec. 20: Marin Carib-

bean Band at 9:30 p.m. Zulu Spear at 11. \$8. Dec. 21: Frog Legs at 9:30 p.m. \$8. Dec. 22: Victory Party for Margaret Breland and others. \$10-15. Dec. 26: Obeah at 9. \$5.

**Berkeley Public Library.** North Branch, 1170 the Alameda. Dec. 19: Children's Fairyland Puppeteer Lewis Mahlmann puts on *Rumpelstiltskin*. You may look at the puppets after the show.

**Blake's.** 2367 Telegraph Ave. near Durant. 848-0886. Every Monday night: Blue Monday Jam. \$3. Tuesdays: The Dred Scott Quartet. \$3. Wednesdays: Funk n' Groovin'. Thursdays: Jazz Funk Konnection with Jalopy and Chill Factor. \$3. Dec. 20: Missing Link. \$5. Dec. 21: Pothole featuring Will B. of T.J. Kirk. \$5. Dec. 22: Dance Party. \$2.

**Candlelight Winter Solstice Concert** with Liz Story, Barbara Higbie and Margie Adam on Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's, 2727 College Ave. \$18 advance, \$20 at door. For info, call Gaia's Books at 548-4172.

**Choral Performance** by a mixed chorus, full orchestra and soloists on Dec. 21 and Jan. 4 at St. Joseph's The Worker Church, 1640 Addison St. at Sacramento. Pre-performance talk at 7:30 p.m. and show at 8. 525-5393.

**Jupiter.** 2181 Shattuck Ave. THE-TAPS. Dec. 20: Hilaros at 6 p.m. Bob Johnson Trio at 9. Dec. 21: Marshall Arts Trio at 9 p.m.

**Journey to the West** will be performed at Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St. Tuesdays through Saturdays through Jan. 19 at 8 p.m., and at 2 p.m. on Dec. 21, 26, 28 and on Monday 23 at 8. 204-8901.

**Magic with Zappo the Magician** from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. @ Masonic.

**Yoshi's.** 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. 652-9200. All shows at 8 and 10 p.m. Through Dec. 22: Charles Brown. \$15 Wed., Thur. \$18 Fri., Sat., Sun. Dec. 23: Yanos Lustig Quartet and Marshall Arts. \$7. Dec. 24: E.W. Wainwright's "African Roots of Jazz" Dance Party. \$10. Dec. 26-31: Betty Carter with Bobby Hutchinson and Jacky Terrasson. \$18 Thur., \$22 Fri., Sat., Sun. Mon. One show at 9 p.m. on New Years Eve (Tues.). \$60.

**Zellerbach Hall.** UC Berkeley campus. 642-9988. Through Dec. 21, 8 p.m.; Dec. 21, 2 p.m.: Mark Morris Dance Group performs *The Hard Nut*. \$34/\$44/\$52.

### Religious activities

**Agape Community Church** (tel. 233-8867), a multi-ethnic Southern Baptist Church meets in the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Sunday School at 10 a.m. and service at 11 a.m. Sundays. Bible study/Prayer meets every Friday at 7 p.m. Agape Family Sunday at 11 a.m. last Sunday of each month.

**Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists.** 1606 Bonita St. (at Cedar). Dec. 22: Our Hanukkah/Solstice/Christmas/Kwanzaa Celebration at 10:30 a.m. Children's Program: childcare for toddlers; classes for preschool through junior high. 526-0972.

**Berkeley Hillel.** 2736 Bancroft Way. 845-7793. Sundays: Israel Action Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. 845-9797 or 841-1687. Israeli Folk Dancing at 7:30 p.m. All welcome. Tuesdays: Jewish Student Union meeting at 7 p.m. Fridays: Eat bagels and talk with Rabbi Rona at noon. Time TBA: Hebrew speaking session. 843-3833.

**Grand Feng Shui Master Professor Lin Yun** will conduct a two-day Feng Shui Workshop on Dec. 21 and 22 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Yun Lin Temple Culture Center, 1727, Euclid Ave. 841-2347.

**Sri Chinmoy Meditation Centre** offers free meditation workshops in South Berkeley. 540-4114.

### Exhibits

**A Life's Journey in Self Portraits: 1969-1996**, by Lisa Evans, will be exhibited through Dec. 21 at the Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies, 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291. Open House—Fri. from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-5:30 p.m. Exclusively by appointment on weekends.

**Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center.** 1414 Walnut St. 848-0237. "My Family's Routes and Roots" will be on display through Jan. 26, 1997. Ext. 118.

**Berkeley Art Museum.** 2626 Bancroft Way. Dec. 19: James Steward, curator of "The Mask of Venice: Masking, Theater and Identity in the Art of Tiepolo and His Time," will lead a guided tour at 12:25 p.m. Meet in Gallery 2. The exhibition will run through March 2.

**Art at Zia** will be exhibited at Zia Houseworks, 1310 Tenth St. at Gilman, through Dec. 31.

**Art from the Heart** will be on exhibit from through Jan. 12 at the National Institute of Art and Disabilities, 551 23 St. near Barrett, Richmond.

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**Christopher Lane: Works on Paper and Slate** will be on display at the Flora Lamson Hewlett Library of the Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge Road, through Feb. 15.

**Dharma Publishing Art Gallery.** 2910 San Pablo Ave. 548-5407. Through April 26, 1997: Sacred Mandalas: The Art and Books of Tibet. \$5 general/\$3 students, seniors/under 12 free.

**Fabric Art Fair** Through Jan. 2 at New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave. 527-6779.

**Holiday Open Studio.** Dec. 21, 22: Sunday from 11 a.m.—5 p.m. at Strawberry Creek Design Center, 1250 Addison St. No. 214 (at Bonar). 845-2612. 11 a.m.—6 p.m. at 1117 Virginia St. @ San Pablo Ave. 526-2967.

**Judah L. Magnes Museum.** 2911 Russell St. 549-6950. Through April 1997: "Forging an Identity: The Art of the Yemenite Silversmith."

**La Peña Cultural Center.** 3105 Shattuck Ave. 849-2568. Through Dec. 31: "African Spirit" paintings/collages of artist Zero Aakil-bey.

**Off Center Gallery.** 2136 Oxford St. Through Jan. 15: "Gift Show." 644-9695. Open Studios of Berkeley Artisans. 11-5 p.m. weekends, Dec. 21, 22. Free. Maps available at 1250 Addison No. 214. 845-2612.

**Pissicchio and Gordon** glasswork sale and exhibit through Dec. 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Nexus Gallery, 2701 Eighth St. 832-8380.

**Quilts by Nancy Pagani** will be on display through March 9 in the Foyer Gallery of the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. @ Masonic. The

artist's reception will be on Dec. 4 p.m.—6 p.m.

**"Science Imagined."** An exhibition will run through Jan. 26 at Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. Live Oak Park.

**The Eye of the Woman by Women** will be on display at Brick Hut, 2510 San Pablo Ave. 1124, until Jan. 1.

**University Art Museum.** 2100 Croft Ave. Through Dec. 31: TRIX. The Gardens of Leona. Photographs by Becky Cohen. The 20, 1997: Masterworks of the Roman Art from the Phoenix Museum of Anthropology.

### Support groups, self-

**Albany Berkeley Interfaith Elders Network** (644-9797) information on Health Care, programs and advocacy. Call your nearest Community Care Center: West Berkeley, 644-6650. Jewish Center, 644-6650. Northbrae Community Center, 644-6650. American Schizophrenia Association—Alliance for the Mentally Ill. 8361.

**Avatar Toastmasters.** Public Speaking Skills and more come together. 2515 Hillside, Berkeley, at 6:15 p.m., 524-6510.

**East Bay Leads Club.** Wednesday, Wednesdays at 7:45. Kater's Cafeteria, 300 Lakeside Dr. 601-6325.

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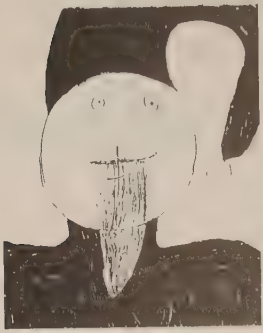
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By Martin Snapp  
Special to The Montclairian

Every Christmas they pour into the Oakland Post Office by the thousands: letters to Santa Claus. And not all of them are from kids, either.

Some are heartwarming, some are heartbreaking. And some are just plain hilarious.

And every year the folks at the post office's Consumer Affairs Department — Inger Wilson, Tammy Lopez, Carla Lucas, Olivia Marcus, Birdie Coleman, Barbara Schaffer, Janet Evell, Sheila Allata, Marguerita Wilensky, Ruby Nevis, David Thompson, Sharon Lu, and Berita Pierson — turn into Santa's elves and sort the letters for kind-hearted members of the public to answer. (For information on how you can do this, see the accompanying article.)

One warning: Some of these letters make pretty grim reading. It isn't easy to witness a child in pain. But shining through their suffering is a nobility of spirit puts the rest of us to shame. They are the true meaning of Christmas:

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Dear Santa, I think I have been pretty good this year. Yes, I know I have done some uncalled for things. But hey, doesn't everybody? I'm sure you and Mrs. Claus and the elves are busy. It's so close to Christmas, I can understand why. Well, I need to get ready for school tomorrow and bed. Merry Christmas! Love, Laura" (El Cerrito)

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Dear Santa, My mom and us is on welfare and my mom said we would probably be able to get only one present this year. Me and my younger sister Kenya told my mom it was OK, but we really want to help my mom make

I'm not trying to be pushy, but I would really love to have Love, Melissa" (Berkeley)

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Dear Santa, I am 5 years old and I want snow for Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. I leave some chocolate chip sprinkle cookies for you. I will also leave a carrot for Rudolph. Oh, and reminds me — I want a stuffed Rudolph, too. I will be with you! Love, Cole" (Berkeley)

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Dear Santa, I'm enclosing my Christmas list. I can't give me all these things, but I will love you. do. Love, hugs and kisses, Scott" (Albany)

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Dear Santa Claus, This is James. I would like a BMX bike, Toy Story for Super Nintendo, and a Game Boy. P.S. Watch out for air planes! Santa James" (Oakland)

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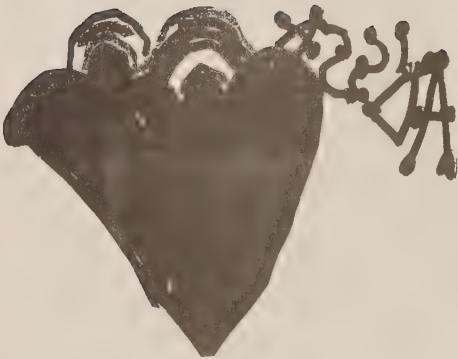
Dear Santa Clause, How are you? I've been good this year, it's just that whenever I try to do something happens. You know how it is! Yours with love, Katie." (Berkeley)

thank you for  
all the presents  
you got me

love Christopher



## Dear Santa...



Christmas very special. My mom caught a bad cold and missed too many days of work and now she is not hardly even working now. So now we might not even get that one Christmas present. But Santa Claus I want to give my mom a present and now I can't even do that. I need some help so I can help my mom. We don't even have a phone any more. Please help me, Santa. Quiana" (Oakland)

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To Whom It May Concern: My name is Mayra and I am in the 7th grade. My grades are As and Bs and one C in my history class but I am trying my best to get it up to a B. I would like only one thing and that is a pair of Nike Air Dr. Js because I would like to know how it feels to have nice shoes for my first time. Can you please make my wish come true? If not, that's OK. Thank you very much for your time and attension. Sincerely, Mayra" (San Pablo)

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Dear Santa Claus, For Christmas I would like a bike. You can find it at Toys R' Us. It is a blue Anza ladies 26" bike. It is totally cool because it is a 18 speed. Well, I hope to see you soon to get my picture taken with you. My mom is making my dress. It is going to be really cool! Love, Cheryl" (San Leandro)

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Dear Santa, Last year I wrote you, but you didn't send me anything. But this year I am really depending on you, Santa. Sincerely, Shinice" (Oakland)

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Hi Santa! It's me, Melissa. I hope you're doing very well. I'm doing OK. I know it's early, but I was bored, so this is my Christmas letter. Santa, for Christmas I want an 8 or 10 HP go cart with three seats — two in the front and one in the back — with seat belts. I don't want the motor so loud and I want a dial to see how fast I'm going, with some kind of key like cars have.

Dear Santa, Please make my mom and dad love me other again. Love, Kevin" (El Cerrito)

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Hello Santa and I no God is with you. This letter is for myself and my mother. We are mission sisters in church. If you can, we both need a beautiful dress. We have to wear it on the first Sunday of the month and the pastor tells us to. My size is 14 and my dear sweet mother. Please. Thank you, Cally" (Richmond)

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Santa, I am a hard-working student. I have a lot of problems. Because of my mother's financial problems, I am unable to make my Christmas wish come true. I would like to get a used TV and VCR, it would be highly appreciated. I love you with much love, Noretta" (Oakland)

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Dear Santa, Some of my friends say you are a jerk. I don't believe them because I know you are a good man. This Christmas I don't really want much. I just want a blue and blue Nautica sport jacket. I really, really want this jacket. Please, Santa. I promise I won't ask for anything else. Love, Katie" (Berkeley)

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Dear Santa, I am writing you because I would like to bring something to my children this Christmas. I have three — two boys and a girl. My big boy is four, my baby girl is four, and my little boy is two. I would like you to give them a jacket. And some toys they can play with. Santa, please don't forget my Children this Christmas. Merry Christmas! Luciana" (Oakland)



I've been a good  
boy. These are the  
toys I want.



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Love,  
Ashley

Want to play Santa Claus to a needy child? These letters — and thousands more just like them — are waiting at the main Oakland Post Office at 13th and Alice streets. Or you can call them at 251-3371 (or Fax them at 451-2067) and they'll send you as many as you want to answer. "You don't necessarily have to send the child a present," says acting Community Affairs Director Inger Wilson. "They appreciate it so much just knowing that someone out there cares." On the other hand, if you want your own child to receive a letter from Santa Claus, that can be arranged too. Just write a letter to your child, put it in an envelope addressed to your child, and put a stamp on it. Then stick the envelope inside another one addressed to: North Pole Cancellation, U.S. Postal Service, P.O. Box 9998, North Pole AK 99705-9998. (Yes, even Santa has a zip code.) A special unit at the Fairbanks Post Office will stamp your child's letter with a cancellation reading "North Pole" and mail it back. Merry Christmas!



# Berkeley boys basketball team wins Oscar for drama

By Mac Montandon

OAKLAND — Just in time for the holiday movie rush, the Berkeley High boys basketball team turned in a performance last weekend more captivating than anything Hollywood could muster.

For drama, "Evita" has nothing on these Yellowjackets. They managed several plot twists throughout the Downing, Park and Chamber of Commerce

Tournament at Laney College last week. From the disappointment and rejection of a 43-39 overtime loss to McClymonds in the first round, to the cathartic redemption of a last second, 55-53 consolation championship win over Woodside, two nights later.

The Woodside game particularly had all the trappings of a serious epic.

The Jackets sprinted to an early, 14-4 lead in the first quarter, using their quickness to score transition

**'He (Perry Pugh) shows a lot of poise for a sophomore. He's very quick and is an excellent shooter.'**

DAN PALLEY, BERKELEY COACH

baskets, before settling into a heart-stopping back-and-forth duel.

Woodside's Rashad Williams and Anthony Huggins kept the Wildcats in the hunt with solid inside, outside play, respectively.

When leading scorer Justin Davis fouled out with two minutes left in the game, Berkeley was without its two top inside players. Davis and center Josh Jackson, who had fouled out earlier.

Things looked bleak, but reserve center Paul Foster made a timely

entrance, taking a feed from Lev Mandel in the middle of the lane and scoring over a pair of Woodside defenders.

Foster's basket with two seconds to play broke a 53-53 tie, and delivered the consolation title to Berkeley.

While Foster grabbed the spotlight for the moment, sophomore guard Perry Pugh was the Jackets' leading man all weekend. Against Woodside, Pugh elegantly passed his screen test, curling smoothly off

picks for a variety of scoops and layups.

He was named to the All-Tournament team after scoring 15 points in the consolation final.

Berkeley coach Dan Palley gave Pugh a great review.

"He (Pugh) shows a lot of poise for a sophomore," Palley said. "He's very quick and is an excellent shooter."

Pugh's two late 3-pointers See BERKELEY on page 16

## Albany girls: Marin's no fun

By Mac Montandon

The Albany High girls basketball team isn't going back to San Rafael anytime soon, and the Cougars aren't going to either.

The Cougars split a pair of games in the San Rafael Tournament last weekend, they didn't really have a chance.

Albany coach David De Hart said, "We're not going back to San Rafael."

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Albany sophomore April Johnson was named to the San Rafael All-Tournament team

ding and steady defense, stopping any penetration by opposing guard.

My girls played well. De Hart announced, glad to have gotten out of town with a win and without blood on the road.

De Hart was somewhat surprised that his club came out flat against

Wallenberg, and never really righted itself, falling 41-36.

We didn't know they were a little out of sync, said Albany coach Doug Kagawa.

Albany won Tuesday night, 41-36, after Tuesday night, when he had to take on College Point.

Every player on the roster scored at least one point as the Cougars rolled

to a 41-36 win. Albany coach Doug Kagawa said of Montgomery, "Aside from the second quarter, I thought our kids played very well. They were just too big for us."

Too big indeed. Montgomery goes 6-8, 6-6, and 6-5 up front with a lineup that could give some college squads a fright.

Albany was led by guard Danny Christopher's 12 points. Center Billy Zeier contributed nine points and eight rebounds in a performance that was akin to catching fruit fall-

## AHS boys surpass 1995-96 win total

Cougars are losing well, too

By Mac Montandon

ing from tree limbs.

Five weeks into the season, the Albany High boys basketball team has already matched its win total from last year.

At 4-5 following last Tuesday night's 62-49 loss to Montgomery, the Cougars will certainly win more games than last year's 4-22 club. That's only part of their modest, though noticeable gains.

This team even losses well. Facing a tall, talented Montgomery team, now 8-1 including a win over Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League force El Cerrito, Albany hung in valiantly, and would have pulled off the upset if the second quarter was thrown out.

It was in this period that Montgomery was able to take advantage of its several-inch dominance at every position. The taller towers of Montgomery cruised into halftime on the strength of a 22-8 second quarter. The eight-minute flurry proved to be the difference.

They're a real good club," Cougars coach Doug Kagawa said of Montgomery. "Aside from the second quarter, I thought our kids played very well. They were just too big for us."

Too big indeed. Montgomery goes 6-8, 6-6, and 6-5 up front with a lineup that could give some college squads a fright.

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Kagawa's club was coming off a decent showing in last weekend's Richmond-Kennedy Holiday Classic. The Cougars went 1-2, losing the consolation championship to Richmond, 58-30.

After dropping the opener on Thursday to Thurgood Marshall (San Francisco), the Cougars responded with a win over John Swett (San Francisco), to get to the consolation final.

Forward Rickey Spencer led the way over Swett with 16 points. Point guard Bruce Roberts sliced his way to 12, and Tony Hernandez added 10.

Though Kagawa seems to have several players capable of scoring 10 to 14 points in any game, he is missing a break-out performance, where one player can dominate a game for extended periods.

"We don't have a go-to guy yet," Kagawa said. "We want to use a lot of players, especially before league play starts, but it would be nice to have a guy take over a game."

There are several candidates for that position. Christopher is an excellent shooter who has hit 50 percent of his 3-point baskets for stretches over the past couple of years. Hernandez, Roberts and Zeier are all tough competitors and imaginative players.

Friday night at California High, the Cougars will continue looking for the extra hot hand, as they try to win No. 5, and further forget last year's meager victory total.

## EC might be young, but it's already good

By John Gardella

When a team is young, as in starting-two-sophomores young, a coach can live with a 500 record after just eight games. It's a sign that the team has the potential to grow into a strong unit.

But when that same team has been ahead at halftime of every game, when three losses have come in the final 30 seconds, and when two losses have been by one point, and a third came in overtime, a coach can hardly be blamed for giving a less than enthusiastic critique of his team.

Such is the case with El Cerrito High's boys basketball coach Chris Huber, whose Gauchos evened their record at 4-4 after a 69-43 win over Pinole last Friday.

"Am I happy that we are at 4-4? Not really," Huber said. "We could be 7-1. Three games, against De LaSalle, Hogan and Montgomery, we should have won. And against San Ramon, we lost by six. But am I surprised we are 4-4? Not really."

The Spartans beat EC in overtime while Hogan and Montgomery both scored 1-point wins.

Still, when Huber looks at his team he sees a potentially explosive group. He starts two sophomores, two juniors and a senior. He uses several football players off the

bench. On any given night, one of six or seven players has the ability to lead the team in scoring.

In the Pinole win, Huber started four sophs with 10th-grader Jovan Harris leading the team in scoring with 17 points.

"At the end of the year, I wouldn't be surprised if we are at or near the top of our league (Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic Association)," Huber said. "I also wouldn't be surprised if we made the section playoffs."

Besides an abundance of talent, Huber relies on the football mentality of several football players such as Donny Davis, Ed Dyer and George Phillips.

"Those players give the team a tougher more physical dimension," Huber said. "And since we have so many young players, the football players on the team help because they know what it takes to be successful."

Huber discounts the theory that the delay in the arrival of the football players (the EC football team advanced to the North Coast Section playoffs) slowed his team's progress, leading to the up-and-down start.

"I don't think waiting for those players from the football team slowed us," he insisted. "I want to be able to rely on guys who are

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## EC soccer team gets glimpse of ACCAL

Gauchos face league teams in preseason, fare well

By John Gardella

Difficulty in scheduling preseason opponents has given the El Cerrito High boys soccer coach an indication of how successful the Gauchos will be in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League than the team had played out-of-area games.

Heading into Wednesday's season opener against St. Joseph, the Gauchos were 4-2. Because the boys soccer programs play in the fall, coach Fred Gonzalez ran into a problem: other ACCAL teams encountered — a dearth of league opponents.

The result was that many teams got an early look at their league competition, playing other ACCAL teams in the preseason. Of EC's preseason wins, three came against league teams: St. Mary's, Richmond and

I'm hoping to start off on a good foot in league," said Gonzalez. "I don't know that our preseason was a true test because St. Mary's, Richmond and Salesian were missing some key players. But I think with another year of experience this team will be quite improved."

Last year was "not a very good year," Gonzalez said, as the Gauchos finished 3-8 in league. This season, however, the sixth-year coach returns four starting seniors and a talented supporting cast.

While he wouldn't comment on where he expects his team to finish because he had not scouted the entire league, Gonzalez said he expects the Gauchos to exceed last season's win total.

"I really don't know what the rest of the league looks like," he said. "But we should be able to compete with most everybody."

One player Gonzalez will rely

heavily on is senior Xongdeth Chaymany. The forward leads the team with eight points.

Xongdeth is a very fast, aggressive player," Gonzalez said. "He has been injured the last couple of years, but this season he is healthy, so I expect him to continue in that scoring mode."

Perhaps the team's two most important players are Gonzalez's hallbacks. In Gonzalez's system, the defense and offense revolve around a solid midfield that is able to control the center of play.

"We put the emphasis on our midfield," Gonzalez explains. "That is where everything starts."

The two starting hallbacks are seniors Mark Manschett and Daniel Petersen. A senior and first-year player, Gaspar Berberan will also see plenty of playing time.

The Gauchos defense is solid. Sweeper Matt Sigmund is one of

the more experienced players.

Math has a knack for reacting to a play or player at just the right time," Gonzalez said. "He's invaluable."

Another key to EC's defense is first-year player Nathaniel Boyd. The senior can play either the sweeper or stopper position. Protecting the net is junior goalie Paul Delumen.

Although the team was giving up a lot of goals early on, the Gauchos have tightened the defense of late. Against Salesian, their last preseason opponent, the Gauchos won, 6-0.

"We defend quite well, especially man-to-man," Gonzalez said. "We make up for a lack of speed by

We have the talent, now we can use some of our early league opponents as measuring sticks," Gonzalez said.



# Now California has a Hall of Fame of its own

## Willie White, former Berkeley track coach, among first athletes named

By Mac Montandon

Lynn Swann, Greg Louganis, Mary Dicker Slaney, Willie White. Though some may want to play, "Which of these names doesn't fit?", with that list of names, there's now a reason they all belong together.

California has long had as rich a high school sports tradition as Texas, Florida, and New York. Now, thanks to the efforts of two Southern California publishers, it has something else those states have: A Hall of Fame to honor that tradition.

Begun in September by Andy Bark of Student Sports Magazine, and Mark Tennis of Cal-Hi Sports, the California Hall of Fame inducted 100 players and 10 coaches as charter members.

The criteria for induction are that each member must have

participated excellently in a sport in a California high school, then gone on to a successful career. There is a 10-year waiting period after graduation before an athlete can be inducted.

"We saw a real need for this sort of thing in California," Tennis said recently from his office in Long Beach. "There was a hole where other states had a Hall of Fame."

Tennis said he and Bark are still debating how many new inductees to have each year, but said new members will be selected every spring.

The research for the initial 110 members of the hall was done by Tennis' uncle Nelson Tennis.

### 'Full sports history'

"It was fun to research because California has such a full sports history," the elder Tennis said.

There's no question the list of charter members is an impressive

document. Scanning the names instantly produces memories and images:

Jackie Robinson hooking a slide on a steal of home, Ronnie Lott delivering a punishing lick on a

### 'He could get kids to just run their hearts out.'

—KEITH CONNING, BHS CROSS-COUNTRY COACH

hapless receiver, Mark Spitz gleaming in his golden necklace of Olympic medals.

Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Walter Johnson, Fullerton class of 1905, is the oldest alum of the Cal Hall.

Three charter members have lo-

cal ties. Don Budge graduated from what was then known as University High in Oakland in 1933, before beginning a stellar tennis career. Helen Willis Moody went to a school called Miss Anna Head's School in Berkeley, where she graduated in 1922. Moody was also a tennis star.

Then there's the case of Willie White, who is one of the 10 coaches chosen for his work as track and field coach at Berkeley in the early 1980s.

### Quite a runner

White was also quite a runner himself, as current Berkeley cross-country coach Keith Conning described in an article he wrote on White which appeared in a national track magazine in September of 1984.

In the story Conning documented White's many accomplishments.

The spring of '81 saw White coach Berkeley's men's and women's track teams to California state titles, the first time one school had won both titles in the same year. In fact the women's team won three straight state titles from 81-83.

In '80 the Interscholastic Coaches Association voted White Coach of the Year.

As a runner White placed sixth in the 100 meters in a national competition at Stanford in '60.

In '57 White, a Cal graduate, was the only person to defeat Olympic champion Bobby Morrow in the 100 and 200 meters. Morrow had won the gold in those events the previous year.

White left Berkeley to coach at Cal State Hayward in '84, and retired from the sport soon after.

### Interesting guy

"He's a really interesting guy,"

Conning said of White. "I'll always remember him is that he was a great motivator of kids. He could get them to just run their hearts out."

The master motivator speedster is still at it. White now runs a training company for elderly people in his home in El Sobrante, the business of finding a way to get from one another.

When contacted for induction as a charter member of the new hall, White said he heard the news.

"Oh really, that's wonderful. The one-time sprinter said, "I didn't know, but I'm great."

Then, just like that he goes. As hard to keep up as ever.

## Berkeley

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against McClymonds last Thursday also added a little intrigue to that game before the Jackets succumbed.

Berkeley (5-3) will have another opportunity to work on its act against some of the tougher teams around starting this Thursday. The Berkeley West Coast Shoot-Out begins this afternoon.

The Jackets will need award-winning play to capture their own

tournament crown this year. There's not a weak team among the field of eight.

Castlemont, featuring 6-8 center Marcus Ologbosole, will be there, as will Oakland Tech, Mission and Burton of San Francisco, St. Elizabeth's, Hogan (Vallejo), and Burbank (Los Angeles).

St. Liz is the defending state Division V champions.

Berkeley plays Burton (7-1) in the first round. Tip-off is scheduled for 8:30 p.m.

Palley hopes to continue work-

ing on halfcourt sets. Woodside was able to get back in the game by slowing the tempo against the Jackets.

"There are times when we'll have to slow it down ourselves," Palley said, "I'm trying to get us to work on that. Guys were in and out with foul trouble, though, so it's hard to get in a rhythm."

Pugh has been able to strike a sweet chord offensively lately. His 3-point basket with 2:50 remaining Saturday set the stage for Foster's heroics and helped provide a happy ending to the Jackets' weekend.

## EC

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strictly basketball players. Waiting for the players on the football team gave some of the younger players the opportunity to play. That will help later in the season."

With Arcata EC's next opponent Thursday at the Eureka Tournament and with the ACCAL opener less than three weeks away, Huber knows his team has work to do.

"We need to rebound better," he said. "We have to work on developing better chemistry. We have to have better halfcourt defense. We also need to pass the ball to the post a little bit more often."

The coach does like some of the things his team has shown early. The Gauchos have made just 10 3-pointers in eight games. To Huber that is a positive sign.

"What that statistic means to me is that we are distributing the

ball, working it inside,

for the easy shot," Huber

Perhaps, the Gauchos have an accurate gauge of good they can be used to open at St. Joseph. At lost center Joe Barker, a tending junior college, are still the prohibitive favorites.

"Maybe they are using a measuring stick," Huber St. Joseph. "But we're OK."

## EC Youth Baseball sign-ups through January 4

The El Cerrito Youth Baseball Association is holding registration for the 1997 season. Players ages 7-16 may register. Players are encouraged to sign-up before the holidays to help in planning.

Parts of Oakland, Berkeley,

Richmond, and all of Albany, Kensington and El Cerrito are eligible territory for sanctioned all-star tournament play.

Registration fees are \$85 for residents, and \$100 for nonresidents. Registration packets can

be obtained by calling Marie Etchieson at 237-2301, or they can be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center. Deadline for registration is Jan. 4.

### Tryouts in January

Tryouts will be held in January, practices begin in February, and games start in March. League play runs through June with all-star games following.

Families are required to volunteer at least 10 hours or pay a non-participation fee of \$50.

Players will be expected to attend approximately two practices and two games per week (usually, Saturday and Sunday.)

## Berkeley Crew holds its annual Christmas Regatta

Berkeley Crew will be holding its 7th annual reunion and benefit regatta in its Christmas Sprints '96 at the Oakland Estuary, Dec. 22 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Boats may enter one of three races: Sands of Time (gender-free), or the women's or men's championships.

Tax-deductible registration donations are \$15, and \$20 per family. Mail entry forms to Sprintmaster (for men's boats), c/o Mark Livingston, 2829 Prince St., Apt. 6, Berkeley 94705, or call 642-3778, or 654-7604.

For women's boats, entry forms should be sent to Eliza Miller, 1632 Julia St., Berkeley 94703. Or call 843-5823.

All forms can be faxed to 642-3675.

Berkeley's varsity and lightweight 8s stroked to junior division gold at Newport last month. [The 8s, trailing the varsity by sec-

onds, actually outraced Cal.

Two weeks later on the San Mateo Lagoon, varsity again won at the Stanford Regatta.

Recent men's alum Paul Vogler (1995) figured among the undefeated Yale frosh heavyweights which won Henley; Chris Rea ('95) was in the Dartmouth frosh lightweight 8 which won Eastern Sprints; Abe Mertens ('95) rowed with Rutgers frosh heavies, finishing sixth at IRA Nationals; Eddy Meszincescu ('94) rowed with Washington's Pac-10 V4 champs; and Shourya Basu ('95) coxed the Cal frosh heavy Pac-10 champs.

Notes: Amber Selke, who coached Cal's women's varsity last year, as reappeared as Berkeley's assistant coach; Berkeley Crew is looking for a secretary; Berkeley has gotten new rowing machines; and new unitank-style uniforms have been approved.

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## Martians good for a laugh

By Renata Polt

Tim Burton's *Mars Attacks!* starts off with a screen full of flying saucers, segueing immediately to a screen full of movie stars. Real stars: We're talking Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close, Annette Bening, Danny DeVito, Michael J. Fox — who could resist? Certainly no adolescent or pre-adolescent. As for us post-adolescents, we'll have to rely on the power of nostalgia to compensate for the movie's almost overwhelming gross-out factor.

There's plenty to tickle the nostalgia nerve in this new work from the director of *Batman* and *Batman Returns*, *The Nightmare before Christmas*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and other innovative flicks. The whole concept of little green men from Mars invading Planet Earth comes straight out of fifties sci-fi movies, with costumes and hairstyles to match.

Add to that echoes of such films as *Dr. Strangelove* and, much more recently, global explosion epics like *Independence Day*, and you have a whole catalogue of the past forty years of space(y) movies.

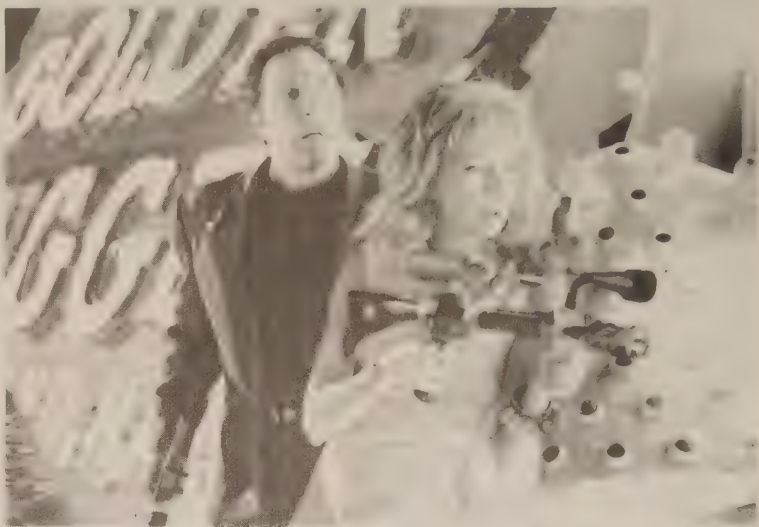
Nicholson plays U.S. President James Dale, a man who can't pronounce the word "extraterrestrial" (just as his military adviser, played by Rod Steiger, can't say "nuclear"). The First Lady is Glenn Close, very Nancyesque in red dresses and congealed hair. Nicholson is also cast in a second role, but he acts it so expertly and is so perfectly

made up that it'll take you at least 15 minutes to figure out who that actor is.

Advised by press secretary Martin Short, generals Steiger and Paul Winfield, and white-coated, pipe-smoking professor Pierce Brosnan, the President shows his dithering incompetence when the Martians land, acting like extraterrestrial pitbulls despite their claim that "We come in peace."

Like other blow-em-up action films, *Mars Attacks!* includes a cast that's not only geographically but also socio-economically diverse. In Las Vegas, there's real estate mogul Nicholson and his new age fruitcake wife Annette Bening, plus casino greeter Jim Brown, and singer Tom Jones, playing singer Tom Jones. In New York (I think), TV fashion commentator Sarah Jessica Parker (major weird clothes! Major hair!) and her boyfriend, newscaster Michael J. Fox, compete for the big story. And in Perkinsville, Kansas, there's the Norris family, including son Lukas Haas and granny Sylvia Sidney, unwitting possessor of the secret weapon that finally vanquishes the Martians.

The Martians themselves, courtesy Marin's Industrial Light & Magic, are demented-looking weirdos with ping-pong ball eyes and colossal brains (which, when exploded, ooze green slime, of course). Their Morse Code-like language is translated by a machine straight out of an old mad scientist movie, and the experiments they perform on their captive humans—well, let's just say that one of them involves a swapping of the heads of a pet



Transformed into a Martian, Barbara Land (Annette Bening) takes aim as she guards singer Tom Jones

chihuahua—actually Tim Burton's own pet—with that of a human. The animation is flawless.

Among the oddest things about *Mars Attacks!* is its source: a series of trading cards created in the Cold War year of 1962. I can't vouch for the film's relationship to the originals, but it hardly matters. Burton's spin is strictly contemporary, with mega-

explosions, splashing gore, and more innovative forms of mayhem than you'd find in a dozen fifties movies or '60s cards. It's the kind of violence that gives the term "over the top" a whole new meaning.

But yes, it's funny as hell. For adults with strong stomachs and kids of all persuasions, it's a family film for the '90s.

## Oakland Ballet 'Nutcracker' holds audience attention

By Carol Egan

Though it may not be the most lush of all holiday productions, Oakland Ballet's *Nutcracker* continues to hold appeal for young and alike, but particularly for the younger members of the audience. The story is somewhat simplified. Lasting two hours, including a comfortable 25-minute intermission between acts one and two, the production holds the collective attention quite well.

The choreography, by company artistic director Ronn Guidi, highlights poses and rudimentary clas-

sical combinations, with occasional bravura lifts thrown in for good measure. Instead of presenting a large party scene in act one, Guidi has chosen instead to focus on the family, the maid and Drosselmeyer and his Nephew.

Our attention is directed toward their relationships and the development of the story. In many scenes Guidi displays an earthy sense of humor which is obviously welcomed by the audience. The lovely music of Tchaikovsky was performed by the Oakland East Bay Symphony under the direction of Michael Morgan.

Outstanding performances by the dancers at last Sunday's matinee included that of Joy Gim, a long-legged beauty whom one sees too infrequently. Dancing the role of

the Sugar Plum Fairy, Gim managed, through attentuated phrasing and the ability to connect every movement, to make the choreography look both musical and elegant. Her Cavalier partner (Sean France) remained cool and regal, though a tendency to focus on the ground during his solo variations detracted from his performance.

Ballet Master, Howard Sayette, performed the roles of Drosselmeyer and the Major Domo with elan. His Drosselmeyer is a canny combination of Dr. Coppelius, Dr. Faustus and David Copperfield.

Children both on stage and in the audience were delighted with his magic tricks.

The ingenue leads of Marie and Drosselmeyer's nephew (later to become the Prince) were performed with great charm and technical finesse by Alexis Iwasaki and Nephi Sanchez.

## Medieval holiday music explored

Continuing its tradition of presenting some of the more intimate and lesser-known repertoire from the season, Hausmusik presents its annual holiday concert, *A Christmas Tapestry*, this Saturday.

A large part of the program focuses on Christmas in the British Isles, with medieval, renaissance and traditional carols from England, Scotland and Ireland. In early medieval times carols were part of an oral tradition; most were committed to manuscript only in the 15th century. But they are also a part of a much larger tradition of popular seasonal songs, both sacred and secular, built around various feast days, the changing of the seasons, and other rituals.

Rounding up the program will be a Spanish set of songs from the New World. The story of music and culture in the Spanish American colonies is that of an encounter between two worlds, that of Spain and the indigenous Indians of the Southwest, Central and South America. Early Spanish missionaries turned their attention to the spiritual needs of their adopted home, and urged the use of music in the process of



Eileen Hadidan

conversion, since it was so important in native life.

The Indians were taught Spanish polyphony and plainsong as well as various instruments, even as the missionaries learned native dialects and encouraged dance rhythms and the use of the vernacular in church

rituals. Both the renaissance style sacred motets and the more baroque, vernacular villancicos had their roots in Spanish music; they also searched out and assimilated dimensions of popular life and indigenous music making in the New World, with its dance-like rhythms and catchy refrains. While the East Coast was languishing musically under the Puritan legacy, the cathedrals and missions of Mexico, Central and South America, and the Southwest were producing indigenous music that could rival anything being written in renaissance and baroque Europe.

A Christmas Tapestry will feature Elizabeth Rau, soprano; Eileen Hadidan, recorder and flute; Shira Kammen, violin, viola and harp; Natalie Cox, lever harp; and Julie Jeffrey, viola da gamba.

The concert will take place at 8 p.m. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St. (near Solano and Santa Fe), in Albany. Tickets are \$16 (general), \$13 (SFEMS, seniors, students) and include refreshments. Advance reservations are recommended; call 524-5661.



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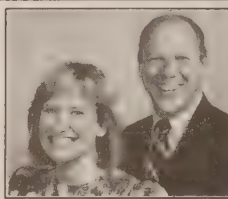
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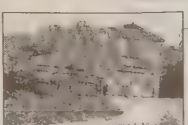
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## Coats, candy, homes; making up your mind

Number 175 in a series of true experiences in real estate

There are shoppers and there are shoppers. I have a friend who can instantly buy almost anything. Once, in less than an hour, she bought a parrot because it occurred to her she'd like one.

It took her a little longer to buy a dog. She talked to dog people, visited kennels, looked at litters—spent a couple of weeks—before choosing a puppy to take home.

I've known her to glide, care-free, through purchases of high heels, carpeting, a pellet stove for her bedroom, books, toads for her garden and all kinds of foodstuffs. Interestingly, her ability to select is so keen that she seldom has a regret.

We work with shoppers every day, people who want to buy houses. Some, like my friend, know when the fit is right and are therefore able to believe in what they are doing.

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ing to me that different people shop differently.

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MEL COPLAND 339-8400X255

**BROWN SHINGLE INCOME PROPERTY** ..\$545,000  
4-plex plus office w/\$48000 gross. Dead-end street above rose garden, much remodeling done. Architect derived expansion plans available, much more.

NICK LAVROV 339-8400

**SUN-FILLED CONTEMPORARY** .....\$529,000  
Prestigious Piedmont Pines. Like new 3+BR in private peaceful setting. Many upgrades. Plus rooms for home office/au pair rm. Walk to regional park trails. LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**NEW LISTING MONTCLAIR** .....\$499,000  
Executive contemporary set on top of the hill overlooking the domain. SF & bay view. 4BR, 3.5BA, den, family room or au pair, att garage. 3936 sq ft.

HAL CASTLE 339-8400

**PRESTIGIOUS PIEDMONT & BAYVIEW** .....\$499,000  
Piedmont Pines. Gorgeous, like-new contemporary just 2 blocks from park trails. Flexible floor plan with 3+BR, 3.5BA. Extra spaces for home office/teens/etc.

MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

**ART DECO, PRICE REDUCED, ROCKRIDGE** ...\$395,000  
Best above College location in the heart of Rockridge. Lots of space and opportunity for the wise buyer. Amenities: great yard, 3BR, spacious rms & well-built!

RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

**CROCKER HIGHLANDS TRADITIONAL** .....\$349,000  
Elegant 2 story home, 3BR, 2.5BA, hardwood flrs, remodeled, sunny throughout. Very affordable for Crocker Highlands.

MARK ATAPRHA 339-4000

**ENUFF SPACE FOR ALL & EVERYTHING** .....\$339,750  
Including imagination possibilities! 3 levels, 5BR, 5BA and lots of possibilities! Great close-in Montclair location within walking distance to all!

RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

**BEST MONTCLAIR LOCATION AND** .....\$299,000  
Extraordinary style! Clear redwood, vaulted ceiling, fabulous fireplace, priv patio great for entertaining, level-out yard and room for office too! 3BR, 2BA. A jewel-box!

RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

**GREAT FAMILY HOME AND VALUE!** .....\$275,000  
3BR, 2BA contemporary. Prime location. Canyon view. Rec room/office. Hwd floors and great floor plan. Total privacy.

CARIN CAROE 339-8400

**ARTISTS & WRITERS HAVEN!** .....\$249,500  
Owner motivated to sell this 2BR chalet. Fireplace in living room enhanced by nature landscaping. Country living in the city. Close to shops & transportation.

MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

**HILL AREA CONTEMPORARY VALUE!** .....\$239,000  
Spacious 4BR, 2.5BA home. Nearly new, tasteful eat-in kitchen, big family room, formal dining too! Fresh paint throughout. Owner motivated!

STEVEN BIASATTI 339-6160X239

**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS** .....\$237,000  
Sellers will vacate sterling 3 bedroom, over 2200 sq ft home on 1/2 acre lot. Gourmet kitchen, large family room & great nighrhd in San Leandro.

EARLE SHENK 287-9590

**EXTRAORDINARY VALUE** .....\$225,000  
Radiates throughout this quality construction big on charm and amenities, gorgeous oak floors, huge fireplace, wonderful kitchen. You can't beat it!

M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

**SPACIOUS CRAFTSMAN** .....\$219,000  
Superb value for this 2-story charmer. Gleaming hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen, expandable attc. Quiet street and level yard, too.

LYN MURRAY 339-8400

**OAKLAND HILLS ORCHARD SETTING** .....\$212,000  
Glorious fruit trees on a third of acre nearly level lot. Delightful 1 level home, open beam ceiling, soaring brick fireplace, 3BR, 2BA, family room.

HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

**HOME OWNERSHIP MADE EASY!** .....\$185,000  
Bright, spacious condo on Upper Glenview residential street! 4-unit building. Fireplace, dining room, garage, master suite, pets ok and no lawn to mow.

PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**REDUCED - CHINA HILL** .....\$199,000  
Charming traditional 3BR, 2.5BA move-in condition, sunny & spacious rms, FDR, close to lake, restaurants, transportation and freeway. Very motivated.

MARTHA SHIN 339-8400

**QUALITY FOUR PLAY** .....\$185,000  
Great units with upside potential. Desirable North Oakland area. 2-BR, 1BA, 2-1BR, 1BA units. Newly renovated, easy rental area, near all conveniences.

ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

**1915 VINTAGE & TODAY FLOOR PLAN!** .....\$175,000  
Open floor plan- Great room style w/handsome brick FPI 2+BR, private fenced patio and excellent walk-to-BART Rockridge location! Start in the best location.

RACHEL BALLER 339-8400

**4 PLEX MONEY MACHINE** .....\$175,000  
Super 4 plex all large 1 units plus extra lot for 4 more. You can't miss. 23K gross. Needs TLC, but look it over.

HAL MARCUS 339-9281

**HALLELUJAH, WHAT A PRICE** .....\$172,000  
This price and this home are for real. Panoramic view. A home to enjoy and relax. Large backyard. Don't kick yourself later.

SAM GHADERI 531-6712

**OVERLOOKING THE ROSE GARDEN** .....\$159,000  
Stroll thru the Rose Garden to Grand Lake shopping, or head to Piedmont Ave! 2BR, 1BA, fireplace, Rose Park Terrace condo, roof sundeck, security parking.

HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

**WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN?** .....\$149,500  
Will go VA or FHA. This 2BR, 2BA bungalow in move-in condition with hwd floors, eat-in kitchen & new 2 car garage. Landscaped & ready for you!

MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

**WHAT A BUY** .....\$149,000  
Cute starter home above High Street. Two bedrooms, elevated dining, updated kitchen and bath. Low down for first time buyers.

MARIA SINCLAIR 287-9596

**CAREFREE LIVING** .....\$147,500  
In this 2+ bedroom home tucked away on private road in Glenview. Updated kitchen, family room & bath, lots of closets. Spacious & gracious. Call now.

ARNOLD MUELLER 530-6099

**SHORT ON CASH?** .....\$146,000  
No money down for qualified buyer? Bright, spacious with full basement, garage and big sunny yard! Formal dining, hwd flrs, PAY CLOSING COSTS & move in!

PATRICIA BENNETT 482-9000

**ADD YOUR PERSONAL TOUCH** .....\$145,000  
To this Maxwell Park 2BR traditional that's begging for your attention. Hardwoods, built-ins, separate breakfast room. Wonderful opportunity for the design-minded.

SHERDELLA SIMS 287-9586

**SMALL TOWN CHARMER** .....\$139,000  
With lath plaster, bleached hardwoods, this 2+BR/bath beauty is vintage charm. Situated on huge lot, you'll love its gleaming sun porch, built-ins & storage.

SHERDELLA SIMS 287-9586

**HATE TO PAY TAXES?** .....\$139,000  
Then move into this 2 bedroom Tudor beauty in Glenview with more charm than you can believe. High ceilings, oak floors. Call today to see how much you can save.

M.J. MCCONVILLE 287-9583

**NEARLY 2 ACRES TAHOE SETTING** .....\$139,000  
Ready to develop - 10 sites possible in mature redwood setting near Wildcat Park. Sewer, water, elec & roads in place. lender foreclosure - quick sale.

KEVIN BLATT 339-8400

**EXCLUSIVE PIEDMONT PINES CONDO** .....\$129,000  
Above Hi #13. Large 2 bedroom. 1131 sq ft. One level. Private view deck of hills. Security garage & entry. Laundry. Central heat. Newer kitchen. Quiet.

HAL CASTLE 339-8400

**HOME FOR NEXT YEAR'S HOLIDAYS** .....\$129,000  
Start 1997 in your own home. 2+BR, 1+BA near Mills College. Hardwood floors, fireplace, laundry room, large sunny kitchen, detached garage, garden, fruit trees, dog run etc.

NICK LAVROV 339-8400

**NEW ON THE MARKET... DUPLEX!** .....\$114,500  
One bedroom each. Garage for each unit. Large kitchen with eating areas. Fireplaces, level backyard. Seller will credit for pest control clearance.

KEN FERRELL 339-8400

**VACANT - MOVE RIGHT IN!** .....\$110,000  
New. Chinatown off 14th Ave. 2 bedrooms, formal dining room, fireplace in living room. One car garage. Large back yard.

KEN FERRELL 339-8400

**MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD TOWNHOME** .....\$99,000  
Hot price on this contemp split-level 2BR, 1.5BA condo home. Parquet floors, fireplace, laundry, deck, patio & garden. Perfect starter home!

STEVEN BIASATTI 339-8400X239

**ENJOY CONDO CONVENIENCE** .....\$89,990  
Bay view too from this 2BR, 2BA completely updated unit w/frp/c in living room. Watch the sunset from your deck or swim in the pool.

MORRIE FEIGENBERG 547-6975

**LOOK MA, THERE'S THE LAKE!** .....\$89,000  
Lakefront/lakeview lot south side of Lakeshore between Wesley and Hanover. Soils report. Some preliminary building plans. Owner may carry with good down.

NICK LAVROV 339-8400



# Holiday Wishes



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Peace, Health,  
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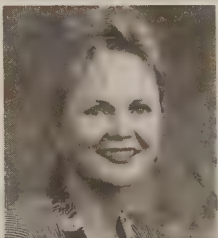
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My best wishes to you and your  
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Season's Greetings and many  
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Best wishes for a happy holiday  
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May love and peace fill your heart  
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May your home be a source of  
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Wishing you and yours the very best  
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Like a rainbow, may we all live  
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May good spirits bless you  
throughout the year. Happy 1997.  
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Holiday greetings to my clients & friends.  
I wish you good health & happiness.  
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Best wishes for a joyous Holiday  
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Thanks to everyone who helped make  
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Happy Holidays to all my clients  
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Best wishes for a happy and  
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Have a happy and healthy New  
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My best wishes for a healthy and  
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Happy Holidays and Best Wishes  
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# A caravan of holiday values



Jeff Lindquist

With the best prices possible, Caravan Crossings, 2956 College Avenue, Berkeley is a great place for your holiday shopping. Kathryn and M. Hasan Nusratty invite you to come and sample their large selection of handmade Oriental rugs, copper and brass ware as well as unique furnishings from India, Indonesia and especially Bali.

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## Tarpoiff

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ply for a loan, understand the contract, be there when the house was inspected, get her money together, sign her papers at the title company.

Was it easier for her than for many other people? I think it was most—because her heart and head were happy.

She had determined where she was headed, and once that was true, there remained only the matter of getting there.

We've worked with a couple of buyers who were so worried that, once they found a house they wanted, they became paralyzed and couldn't go on.

"What if my mother doesn't like it?" one asked. "What if I lose my job?" said another. Not too unreasonable, I think, as concerns go.

But these buyers were voicing only a small portion of what was going on. They were so afraid of believing in their choice, they couldn't make one.

Just to give you an idea of what a middle-of-the-road worrier/shopper goes through, I'll give you a made-up example.

These are the probable thoughts of such a buyer:

Ah, a house, a big purchase. But it's time for me to buy a house. No more moving.

This is a pretty house and big enough for me. I can set up my office in the back room, invite friends for dinner, build a trellis over the deck.

My commute would be bearable.

I won't have to any painting right away. There's plenty of storage. Yes, I want this house.

But wait. How's the roof? It's going to cost me a lot to live here. Will I have money to pay the property taxes when they're due? What if the furnace dies?

My life might change. I could take a job on the East Coast or remarry or have three kids.

What if the neighbors are mean or the hill slides or I'm lonely here?

It'll be all right. I can have fires in my fire place, warm and glowy. There's room for my friend to stay with me. I can increase my tax deductions. That will be nice.

Maybe next year I'll have the floors refinished. Put up new drapes—dark, rich velvet drapes.

Wait. Do I really want to take this on? Once it's mine, it'll be my baby. When things go wrong, I'll have to figure out how to fix them.

House buying isn't exactly snappy either. I can't say, "Sure this one, wrap it up." No, it takes so much time and weighing of things I've never thought of before.

What price shall I offer? Will the seller agree? Can I get the washer and dryer too?

This is hard. I need to think and plan. It would be good if I could feel confident about this all the way

through.

The loan people want documents and pay stubs. I'm plain why my Visa payment is late.

The inspector says the septic is cracked, the water pressure is low, the sump pump is broken. I worry? Can these be fixed? Long, strong showers. I'm learning about pumps. This is fun.

I can borrow against my 401(k) plan but forms must be out today. I'll need a cash offer. I can go on my lunch break.

The seller needs an estimate. I can reschedule my move to talk to my landlord. What? Here are all my books. I'll take them. More boxes, lots more. Call PG&E. When is garbage day? I should buy a ladder.

Now that I've come to feel good. My soon-to-be house is not perfect but I like it. I have felt like going through a pressed graduate course. In fact, I'm feeling quite jolly.

Anet Tarpoiff and Paul Tarpoiff are licensed real estate agents and specialists who also offer real estate consulting and training. They can be reached at 2050.

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Light and airy 3+++ bedroom, 3.5 bath craftsman shingle boasts original architectural details, including coved ceilings in most rooms, wood floors, grand living room, elegant formal dining room and beveled glass front door. French doors lead you to the deck and spectacular four-season English gardens. A graceful staircase leads to the second story, and the third floor could be the perfect au-pair suite.

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### EL CERRITO

**MODERN / RENOVATED**.....\$199,000  
3BR, 2BA, 1 car gar, approx. 1,159 sq. ft., master suite, custom kitchen w/oak cabinets, new paint in & out. #W38482. Sarah Lo (510) 235-5400

**VIEW HOME / PRICE REDUCTION**.....\$199,000  
4BR, 2BA, new paint in & out, termite clearance, new carpet & tile, be a 3rd bdrn with master suite. Detached building for office, parking basement. #W38491 Dwayne Bartels 510-222-4061

**FAB BAY VIEW / QUIET STREET**.....\$249,000  
3BR, 1.25BA, approx. 1,900 sq ft with den or family room, 2-car garage deck, nice back yard. #W38547 Paul Triplett 510-223-3287

**PRICE REDUCTION / HUGE HOUSE**.....\$279,000  
3BR, 2.5BA, immac. tri-level, new paint, newer carpets over hardwood floors. G. view! Priv. bkyd, clear termite. #W37551 John Anderson 510-237-4800

**EXCELLENT LOC/CITY LIGHTS / Price reduction again!**.....\$229,000  
3BR, 2BA, over 1800 sq. ft. on a secluded st in the hills. Ultra clean 1/2 acre lot, new lino in kit, hwd floors. #W38823 Ed Messner 510-735-1100

**NEW CONSTRUCTION E.C. HILLS / Price Reduction!!!!**.....\$229,000  
4BR, 2BA, formal dining, 2 car att'd gar, huge fam rm with frpl, master suite in kitchen, entry & baths, master suite with whirlpool tub, marble tile carpet. New landscaping! #W38593 Jerry Garner 510-237-4800

### KENSINGTON / ALBANY

**CREEKSIDE LUSH SETTING**.....\$299,000  
3BR, 2BA, Kensington. Complete in-law w/separate entrance. Over 2,000 sq. ft., large lot, fam rm, hardwood flrs, bonus rm, 2-car garage. #W39365. John Anderson (510) 237-8842.

**FIXER!! ALBANY**.....\$229,000  
3BR, 1BA almost 1,300 sq. ft., 30K Termite world 1-car gar, newer kitchen. #W39349. Michele Manzoni (510) 222-2644

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### Clients of the Week - John McNamara & Diane Darrow

"Marjorie Sperber of Red Oak Realty made the process extremely pressure free. She was there for every aspect. We didn't think we could afford this beautiful condo, with many amenities our previous apartment did not have. It was like Christmas when we found out we qualified. It was an uplifting experience. Working with Marjorie was wonderful. She was both optimistic and realistic. She did so much for us, we couldn't ask for a better agent. Our friends watched how our whole experience was unfolding and they also agreed that this was a pain-free route to buying a house."



John McNamara & Diane Darrow



Marjorie Sperber

### Agent of the Week - Marjorie Sperber

Marjorie started her career in real estate after leaving the field of education 15 years ago. "I enjoy working with people and have participated in the development and sales of several condominium projects. I view myself as a full service realtor and help my clients with referrals for all aspects of their purchase including: financing, trades people, movers, and in this case an obstetrician." Marjorie resides in Berkeley with her two cats and amazing soccer-playing children, Jessica and Joshua. "In addition to my real estate career, I am also a dedicated "soccer mom."

For a professional, experienced agent that can help you with your real estate needs and more, please contact Marjorie Sperber at Red Oak Realty (510) 527-3387 ext. 156.

### OPEN SUNDAY

2829 Regent (2-4).....Berkeley.....3+++bd/3.5ba.....\$575,000  
3016 Filbert #5 (2-4).....Oakland.....1+bd/1.5ba.....\$175,000

### BY APPOINTMENT

**ALBANY**  
Major SF & bay view! Separate "in-law" unit. ....\$269,000  
Reduced! Huge spaces! Live/work possibilities! ....\$209,500

### BERKELEY

One of the largest parcels in North Berkeley. ....\$1,275,000  
Spacious 4+bd home in Berkeley Hills. ....\$485,000  
Gorgeous 4bd/2ba with adjacent lot beautiful setting. ....\$379,000  
Development opportunity! .3 acres in North Berkeley. ....\$349,000  
PRICE REDUCED, lots of sq. ft. for \$. Great nrhhd. ....\$239,000  
Huge 2-story townhouse style units! Deep lot! ....\$229,000  
New 3bd condo, near UC, downtown Berkeley. ....\$179,000  
Last one! New 2bd/1ba condo, sec bldg nr BART, shops, UC. ....\$179,000  
Beaut woody setting, 2bd/1ba condo with hwd floors. ....\$169,900  
Woody condo, walk to UC with bay views. Split level. ....\$169,900  
Condos near campus for Univ. staff & faculty. ....\$110,000-\$195,000  
Grandma's 2bd/1ba house all spruced up! ....\$148,500  
Bright, sunny 2bd condo. N. Berk., near Gourmet Ghetto. ....\$139,500  
Priced slashed! New 1bd condo. ....\$127,500

New listing! Spacious 2bd bungalow - priced to sell! .....\$119,500

### EL CERRITO

6 identical units with great views & carports! .....\$499,000

### EL SOBRANTE

2bd/2.5ba, 1,248 sq. ft., community pool, 2-car garage. ....\$125,000

### EMERYVILLE

1+bd/1+ba. Beautiful warehouse conver w/many extras! .....\$215,000

### OAKLAND

Glenview. Lg flexible home on great street. Potential. ....\$299,900  
REDUCED! Spacious 4bd/3ba fixer, 9,200 sq ft. ....\$199,000  
3-level, 1+bd/1.5ba featured in *Sunset Magazine*. ....\$175,000  
City & Hill view from top floor end unit. 2bd/1ba! .....\$ 61,500

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RESIDENTIAL INCOME! 5bd/3ba. ....\$174,900  
Well-maintained 4-plex, great residential income! ....\$165,000  
Fixer income property with lots of potential. ....\$ 95,000

Annex. Duplex with bay view! Home & income! .....\$ 649,000

### LOTS, LAND AND COMMERCIAL

Attractive newer multi-use bldg in downtown Berkeley. ....\$1,899,000  
1-story bldg w/3 storefronts + space in rear, 4 pkg spaces. ....\$639,000  
8 super units! Excellent return! Owner may carry. ....\$349,000  
New, stylish 1 & 2bd city homes near UC & shops. ....\$349,000  
Large commercial lot located near major shopping. ....\$ 89,000  
Gentle upslope lot in prime North Berkeley hills. ....\$ 79,000  
Current permits available-soils & foundation reports. ....\$ 29,000  
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#### OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

6066 ASPINWALL, 4 1/2 remodel, wooded views, roof deck off mstr \$540,000  
Wells & Bennett, Jackie Carter 531-7000

1548 FERNWOOD, Montclair 4bd/2 1/2b all remodeled English tudor \$499,000  
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290

3016 FILBERT #5, 1+bd/1 1/2ba, featured in Sunset Magazine! \$175,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

3971 HUNTINGTON, 1st Open! 2+bd/1ba, spacious, grt yd/ngbrhd \$164,900  
Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000

400 WAYNE AVE, New condos w/Holiday bonus! 2bd, 1 1/2 baths \$145,000  
Templeton Company, Marlene Leverette 652-2133 X121

#### BERKELEY

2829 REGENT, New listing! elegant 3+1/3 1/2 Elmwood craftsman \$575,000  
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

### Area Home Sales

**ALAMEDA**  
1405 6th St. - \$165,000  
2913 Bayview Dr. - \$226,500  
27 Duarte Ct. - \$309,500  
2618 Edison Ct. - \$230,000  
1135 Fountain St. - \$185,000  
120 Hudson Bay - \$292,000  
5 Invincible, G3 - \$287,000  
305 Laguna Vista - \$257,000  
3016 Linda Vista - \$145,000  
3291 Madison St. - \$114,500  
17 Miranda Ct. - \$290,000  
9 Miranda Ct. - \$312,000  
133 Orr Rd. - \$252,500  
215 Ratto Rd. - \$262,500  
39 Stone Hbr - \$358,000

**BERKELEY**  
1615 Buena Ave. - \$255,000  
1121 Chaucer St. - \$216,000  
3217 College Ave. - \$351,000  
1338 Curtis St. - \$178,000  
1561 Euclid #2 - \$149,000  
1819 Parker St. - \$162,000  
2763 Prince St. - \$340,500  
1229 Russell St. - \$148,500  
3036 Stanton St. - \$149,000  
2 Woodmont Ct. - \$420,000

**EL CERRITO**  
5701 Charles Ave. - \$165,000  
241 Colusa Ave. - \$240,000  
708 Lexington Ave. - \$163,000  
5670 Ludwig Ave. - \$209,000  
1515 Madera Ct. - \$565,000  
639 Norvell St. - \$220,000  
5465 Poinsett Ave. - \$215,000  
1050 Villa Nueva - \$300,000  
**EMERYVILLE**  
6363 Christie, 1915 - \$146,000  
6363 Christie, 312 - \$114,000

**OAKLAND**  
6175 Acacia Ave. - \$225,000  
5620 Ascot Dr. - \$275,000  
857 Athens Ave. - \$122,500  
1362 Barrows Rd. - \$325,000  
1394 Barrows Rd. - \$264,000  
4401 Briar Cliff - \$308,000  
6899 Bristol Dr. - \$420,000  
4435 Camden St. - \$168,500  
67 Camelford Pl. - \$415,000  
920 Carlston Ave. - \$268,000  
2151 Drake Dr. - \$230,000  
4406 Edgewood - \$243,000  
988 Franklin, 1005 - \$170,500  
988 Franklin, 1203 - \$181,500  
988 Franklin, 1208 - \$186,000  
988 Franklin, 1609 - \$130,500  
988 Franklin, 529 - \$172,000  
988 Franklin, 606 - \$172,000  
988 Franklin, 913 - \$185,000  
3003 Galindo St. - \$214,000  
1500 Hampel St. - \$260,500  
8150 Hansom Dr. - \$225,000  
40 Joaquin Miller - \$250,000  
6632 Liggett Dr. - \$600,000  
1724 Manzanita - \$330,000  
5120 Masonic - \$320,000  
3746 McClelland St. - \$109,500  
56 Montell St. - \$179,000  
22 Moss Ave. - \$115,000  
825 Paramount Rd. - \$425,000  
2324 Pelham Pl. - \$329,000  
365 Perkins, 401 - \$187,500  
19 Ramona Ave. - \$245,000  
4256 Ridgemont Ct. - \$386,500  
34 Schooner Hill - \$135,000  
1351 Seminary Ave. - \$125,000  
4938 Stoneridge - \$312,000  
451 Taurus Ave. - \$272,000  
9828 Thermal St. - \$133,000  
4217 Tompkins - \$154,000  
3732 Woodruff - \$168,000

773 Hollyhock - \$226,000  
14579 Lark St. - \$152,000  
136 Oakes - \$181,000  
13933 Sausalito Rd. - \$203,000  
14414 Seagate Dr. - \$185,000  
16666 Selby Dr. - \$165,000  
2178 Somerset Ave. - \$156,000  
1510 Virginia St. - \$130,000  
1753 Wayne Ave. - \$179,500  
843 Bockman Rd. - \$138,000

**SALES STATS BY CITY**  
**ALAMEDA**  
TOTAL SALES: 15  
LOWEST PRICE: \$114,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$358,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$245,766  
**BERKELEY**  
TOTAL SALES: 10  
LOWEST PRICE: \$148,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$420,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$236,900  
**EL CERRITO**  
TOTAL SALES: 8  
LOWEST PRICE: \$163,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$565,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$259,625  
**EMERYVILLE**  
TOTAL SALES: 2  
LOWEST PRICE: \$114,000  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$146,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$130,000  
**OAKLAND**  
TOTAL SALES: 41  
LOWEST PRICE: \$109,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$600,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$242,353  
**SAN LEANDRO**  
TOTAL SALES: 17  
LOWEST PRICE: \$97,500  
HIGHEST PRICE: \$252,000  
AVERAGE PRICE: \$173,294

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#### SAN LEANDRO

1466 138th, 9 - \$97,500  
14594 Birch - \$185,000  
1672 Brookside - \$150,000  
2159 Buena Vista - \$130,000  
2002 Clipper Ct. - \$252,000  
1648 Daniels Dr. - \$220,000  
2451 Easy St. - \$179,000  
15344 Edgemoor - \$155,000



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\$73,500 3877 HOWE #209. Great location! Walk to Piedmont Ave. Spacious 1 BD condo in security complex, near bus line. Peter Fletcher 523-5750

\$139,000 625 MADISON #208. Spacious & light 2 BD, 2 BA corner unit with 2 balconies! Convenient to shopping & freeway access! Anna Woo 865-4340

\$139,000 5453 HOLLAND. Gorgeous 2 BD, 2 BA bungalow! New carpet & baths, wood floors, master 1 walk-in closet! Two-car garage. Mar 865-6226

\$325,000 3523 BROADWAY. Unique commercial building! Featuring kitchen, bar, meeting halls, offices, storage rooms, restrooms, plus parking. Elaine Budka 814-4835

\$99,000 894 LEWELLING. Beautiful, bright, upper 2 BD unit Storage on deck & 2 parking spaces, one covered! Anna Woo 865-4340 or Terre Lee 521-3352

\$142,000 14183 SEAGATE. A ground-level 2 BD condo in a wonderful location! Separate laundry room, fireplace, complex pool, & view of courtyard! Terre Lee 521-3352

\$151,900 14419 OUTRIGGER. Panoramic view of golf course! 2 BD unit in tranquil setting! Vaulted ceiling, fireplace, custom shutters & laundry in unit! Terre Lee 521-3352

\$169,950 13737 SEAGATE. A cherry move-in condition 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA condo! Formal dining, fireplace, wonderful gated community with pool & spa, close to golf course & mall! Steve Crespy 614-4818

\$179,500 2515 OUTRIGGER. Wonderful 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA home with tile entry, upgraded carpeting, balcony & garage! Terre Lee 521-3352

\$244,500 170 HARLAN. Unique investment opportunity! Zoned commercial 3 BD, 1 BA Victorian with 1 BD, 1 BA unit underneath! Upholstery shop plus 2 BD, 1 BA split-level house! Great Area! Kathy Hirsch 814-4706

#### San Lorenzo

\$229,000 15829 DEVONWOOD. Lots of upgrades in this 4 BD, 2 1/2 BA Heritage home! Seven years young, family room, fireplace, 2 car garage! Close to parking, shopping, park & schools! Bev & George Williams 522-7173

#### Hayward

\$113,500 260 FLINT. An excellent 2 BD, 2 BA condo with fireplace, modern kitchen, in-die laundry & small but nice yard! Peter Fletcher 523-5750

#### Albany

\$167,000 709 JOHNSON. Immaculate 2 BD, starter home in move-in condition! Hardwood floors, new linoleum in kitchen, near shopping, transportation & good schools, attached garage! Connie Hanna 814-4814

#### El Cerrito

\$257,000 549 COLUSA. Great view! Three BD, 2 BA in move-in condition! Near shopping & transportation! Martha Turner 814-4828

#### Vallejo

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SEVEN month, fluffy Tabby with white feet and shoulders. 5600 Estates, December 7th. Missed 547-2044

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Donald Joseph Walsh, 443 North Wildwood,  
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The registrant commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
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The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
Under The Stars Productions, 4433 Palisades  
Way, Antioch, CA 94509.

is registered by the following owners:  
JESSICA LEE ROBINSON and  
JACQUELYN LYNDSEY ROBINSON  
Persons under the age of eighteen years.  
No. 96-5-0209-4

### SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF PETITION

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
FOR KING COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JESSICA LEE ROBINSON and  
JACQUELYN LYNDSEY ROBINSON  
Persons under the age of eighteen years.  
No. 96-5-0209-4

YOU are hereby summoned to appear within thirty  
days after the date of first publication of this  
notice, and to defend the above entitled action  
and to answer the petition and the answer of the  
petitioner, Alphonse Reyes Valdez, and  
serve a copy of your answer upon the under-  
signed for Petitioner at the office below  
and to do so, judgment may be rendered  
against you according to the request of the  
petition, which has been filed with the Clerk of  
the Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTICED that there has  
been filed in this Court a Petition praying that the  
worldwide relationship between yourself and  
JESSICA LEE ROBINSON and JACQUELYN LYNDSEY  
ROBINSON be terminated. The object of the action  
is to seek an order relinquishing the children to  
the petitioner for adoption; to terminate the par-  
ent-child relationship between you and said chil-  
dren; and to approve or provide for the adoption of  
JESSICA LEE ROBINSON and JACQUELYN LYNDSEY  
ROBINSON.

The Court hearing on this matter shall be on the  
first day of January, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. in the King  
County Superior Court, 516 Third Avenue, Seat-  
tle, Washington 98104.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTICED TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING  
ON JUNE 19, 1997, AT 10:00 AM, IN THE COURT OF  
THE ABOVE-NAMED CHILDREN.

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By: LUANN LEW  
Deputy Clerk

File Response With:  
Clerk of the Court  
King County Superior Court  
E-609 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
Eagle's Convenience Mart, 2701 El Portal, San  
Pablo, CA 94606.

is registered by the following owner:  
Victoria Siegrist, 2701 El Portal, San Pablo, CA  
94606.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
October 31, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 28, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
APEX CONSULTING CO., 441 Norwell St., El  
Cerrito, CA 94530.

is registered by the following owner:  
Alan C. Cheng, 100 McAllister St., #202, San  
Francisco, CA 94102.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
October 31, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 31, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
Michael P. Chang, 120 Pearl St., #3L, #202, San  
Francisco, CA 94105.

is registered by the following owner:  
Michael P. Chang, 120 Pearl St., #3L, #202, San  
Francisco, CA 94105.

This business is conducted by a General Part-  
nership.

The registrant commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
October 31, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 28, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
Expressions Desktop Publishing, 4520-C Melody  
Dr., Concord, CA 94521.

is registered by the following owner:  
Rosemarie Kaiser, 4520-C Melody Dr., Con-  
cord, CA 94521.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
October 28, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 28, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
California Sewing & Vacuum, 701 Monument  
Bldg., Suite 718, Concord, CA 94520.

is registered by the following owner:  
Razack P. Ebrahim, 2180 Springwater Dr.,  
Fremont, CA 94539.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
October 30, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 30, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
DynaTech Systems, 800 Adams Court, Pinole,  
CA 94564.

is registered by the following owner:  
Jose Arnold S. Bagabaldo, 800 Adams Court,  
Pinole, CA 94564.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
November 18, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 18, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
Clayton Treat Snodgrass, 4300 Clayton Road,  
Concord, CA 94521.

is registered by the following owner:  
Hamid G. Nekrawesh, 3072 Beard Rd., Fremont,  
CA 94555.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
November 1, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 1, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
Accurate Tax & Accounting Service, 47 Mesa  
Vista Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583.

is registered by the following owner:  
Susan K. Hatfield, 47 Mesa Vista Ct., San  
Ramon, CA 94583.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
October 31, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 31, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
Multimedia Media Monitoring, 1200 Concord Ave.,  
#180, Concord, CA 94520.

is registered by the following owner:  
Robert L. Morse, 2226 Cord Lane, Walnut Creek,  
CA 94598.

This business is conducted by a General Part-  
nership.

The registrants commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
November 1, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 1, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
Hossain Farah, 2226 Cord Lane, Walnut  
Creek, CA 94598.

is registered by the following owner:  
Hossain Farah, 2226 Cord Lane, Walnut  
Creek, CA 94598.

This business is conducted by a General Part-  
nership.

The registrants commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
November 1, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 1, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person has abandoned the use of the  
fictitious business name FIRST CHOICE  
HEARING AID FACTORY OUTLET at 560 El  
Cerrito, CA 94530.

The fictitious business name referred to above  
was filed in the County of Contra Costa under file  
number 94-004660.

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Howard L. Hail, 206 Bayside Ct., Richmond,  
CA 94804.

Signed: Howard L. Hail.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk  
of Contra Costa County on October 28, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
Delta Building Maintenance, 3377 Deer Valley  
Ct., #312, Antioch, CA 94509.

is registered by the following owner:  
Herbert Coston, 4839 Woodbridge Way, Antioch,  
CA 94509.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners.

The registrants commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
November 1, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 1, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
First Choice, 560 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito,  
CA 94530.

is registered by the following owner:  
Hedco, LLC, 1881 Joseph Drive, Moraga, CA  
94556.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liabil-  
ity Company.

The registrants commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
November 7, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 7, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
A1 Advanced Industries, First Choice Hearing Aid  
Factory Outlet, 560 El Cerrito Plaza, El Cerrito,  
CA 94530.

are registered by the following owner:  
Hedco, LLC, 1881 Joseph Drive, Moraga, CA  
94556.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liabil-  
ity Company.

The registrants commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
October 28, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on October 28, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
SBC Consulting, 1755 Delta Meadows Way, Oak-  
ley, CA 94561.

is registered by the following owner:  
SBC Consulting, 1755 Delta Meadows Way,  
Oakley, CA 94561.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrants commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
November 15, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 15, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
1996.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
Family R.V. and Marine Products Co., 150 Castle  
Ct., Lafayette, CA 94549.

is registered by the following owner:  
Cecily D. Bailey, 150 Castle Ct., Lafayette, CA  
94549.

This business is conducted by an individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business  
under the fictitious business name listed above on  
November 3, 1996.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Con-  
tra Costa County on November 3, 1996.

The Journal November 28, December 5, 12, 19,  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The Name of the Business:  
SBC Consulting, 1755 Delta Meadows Way, Oak-  
ley, CA 94561.



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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-7216  
The Name of the Business:  
Bodyshape, 893 Dolphin Drive, Danville, CA 94526  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Claudia Bernard, 393 Dolphin Drive, Danville, CA 94526  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 19, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 21, 1996.  
The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 9, 1997.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-7168  
The Names of the Businesses:  
1) Africa By Dennis, 2) Cheeta Fast Works Subpoena Services, 5700 Osage Place, Concord, CA 94521  
Are registered by the following owner:  
Ronald A.J. Fortt, 5700 Osage Place, Concord, CA 94521  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business

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under the fictitious business name listed above on November 20, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 20, 1996.  
The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 9, 1997.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-7451  
The Name of the Business:  
Mt. Diablo Business Services, 4190 Irene Dr., Martinez, CA 94553  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Shelley J. Guzman, 4190 Irene Dr., Martinez, CA 94553  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 6, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 6, 1996.  
The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 9, 1997.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-7352  
The Name of the Business:  
Faster Marketing Resource, 705 Frazier Dr.,

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Oakley, CA 94561  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Andrew Will Peis, 705 Frazier Dr., Oakley, CA 94561  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 1, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 3, 1996.  
The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 9, 1997.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-7495  
The Name of the Business:  
Diablo Kennels, 2077 Willow Pass Rd., Bay Point, CA 94565  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Janiffer Root, 2071 Willow Pass Rd., Bay Point, CA 94565  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 9, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 9, 1996.  
The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 9, 1997.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-7145  
The Name of the Business:  
Streamline Solutions, 6 Hill Court, Hercules, CA 94547  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Sandra Swain, 6 Hill Court, Hercules, CA 94547  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 19, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 19, 1996.  
The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 9, 1997.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-7285  
The Name of the Business:  
Liberty Gold Enterprises, 130 Douglas Rd., Oakley, CA 94561  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Mary K. Odell, 130 Douglas Rd., Oakley, CA 94561  
This business is conducted by an individual.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 26, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 26, 1996.  
The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 9, 1997.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-7264  
The Name of the Business:  
Subherban Gardens, 2 Parrot Place, Danville, CA 94526  
Is registered by the following owners:  
Sandra Kristen Van Sooy, 2 Parrot Place, Danville, CA 94526  
Bret W. Vincent, 2 Parrot Place, Danville, CA 94526  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 25, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 25, 1996.  
The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 9, 1997.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-7228  
The Name of the Business:  
Dynamo Concepts, 1544 Bailey Rd., Concord, CA 94521  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Norma R. Futri, 1544 Bailey Rd., Concord, CA 94521  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 22, 1996.  
The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 9, 1997.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-7348  
The Name of the Business:  
Greg's Remodeling, 124 Aditya Dr., CA 94523  
Is registered by the following owner:  
Gregory S. Taylor, 124 Aditya Dr., CA 94523  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 3, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 3, 1996.  
The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 9, 1997.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 96-7348  
The Name of the Business:  
Martin Consulting, 2225 Forsyth Ave., CA 94553  
Is registered by the following owner:  
James Ralph Martin, Jr., 2225 Forsyth Ave., Martinez, CA 94553  
Janet Van Berendse, 14000 Way, Martinez, CA 94553  
This business is conducted by an individual.  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on December 3, 1996.  
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 3, 1996.  
The Journal December 19, 26, 1996, January 2, 9, 1997.

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## Goings On

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through death as well as emotionally-oriented groups for people. Also individual grief counseling available. 540-0830.

**People with Alzheimer's** disorders welcome at Memory Program sponsored by Emont Center. Music, dance, fellowship. St. John's Church, College Ave., Berkeley. 444-2600.

**Catholic, Divorced, Widowed** Separated will meet the fourth Thursdays monthly at Baptist community center. 333-2605.

**Consensus Brain Injury Center:** Six-week community critical thinking skills classes and Fri. 10:30 a.m. to noon.

**Emergency Services Program:** Easy Does It Emergency Program offers low fee emergency, minor wheelchair, emergency wheelchair-access transportation to individuals within the city limits of Berkeley services available 24-hour information call 845-5811 (TDD).

**Fibromyalgia Support Group:** fourth Tuesday of each month. Bates, Herick Campus, 200 Way, Berkeley. Dr. Sybil on sleep problems. 30 volunteers for study. For more 415-476-5881.

**Healthwise for Life:** a winning program designed about health problems, adults and how to care for them will be held during November. Oakland Medical Center, Senior Center and St. Joseph's in Berkeley. 596-6176.

**Jewish Family and Child Services of the East Bay:** 2400 Ave., Suite 210. 704-7475. days: Therapy group for children 11 who are struggling with and getting along with friends. 5 p.m. Sliding scale \$10-\$25.

**Overeaters Anonymous:** every Saturday from 8:30-10:00 members meet at 8 a.m. at Presbyterian Church, 2727 Oak Room 203, 2nd floor. 252-8562.

**Emotions Anonymous:** 5 p.m.; Northbrae Community Center, The Alameda (Near Solano).

**The Grief Care Community:** week bereavement support loss through death or any loss. New members always welcome. 0830.

**Take off the Pounds:** Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) 10 a.m. each Monday at Albany Methodist Church, 5900 Albany. Call Paul at 528-9058 or 525-6858.

**Toastmasters on Campus:** develop public speaking skills in a supportive environment. Tuesday p.m. 2515 Hillegas, Berkeley.

**University YWCA:** 2600 Way, Berkeley. 848-6370. for job seekers and career counseling \$50 per session for nonmember assessment program. \$120 for members.



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